

School-2-College-2-Work

Career Clusters Map Activity

An Introduction to Options for School and Work for Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

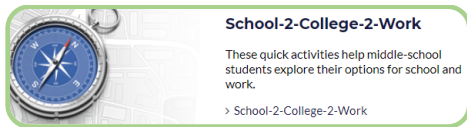
Go to RUReady.ND.gov. Sign in with your username and password.

Follow the steps in order and read directions as you go. Complete all of the activities and answer the questions.

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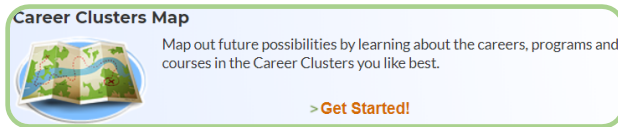
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1. Click on the **YOUR PORTFOLIO** tab at the top of the page.
2. Click on the link to **School-2-College-2-Work**.



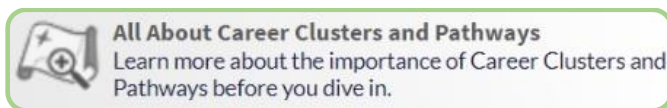
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 These quick activities help middle-school students explore their options for school and work.
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3. Find the **Career Clusters Map** activity and click on **Get Started**.



Career Clusters Map
 Map out future possibilities by learning about the careers, programs and courses in the Career Clusters you like best.
 > **Get Started!**

4. Click on **All About Career Clusters and Pathways** and complete the activity below.



All About Career Clusters and Pathways
 Learn more about the importance of Career Clusters and Pathways before you dive in.

All About Career Clusters and Pathways

Directions: Read the content and facts under each tile on the page. You will need to move your mouse over each of the tiles for the information to scroll up or appear.



All About Career Clusters and Pathways
 A Career Cluster is a group of careers that share things like similar skills and knowledge.

- Every cluster contains pathways: smaller groups of careers with more specialized skills and knowledge.
- Programs of study: the right cluster for your goals.
- Think big – then focus.
- You're in control.
- The future is bright.
- Education counts: Each cluster has some careers that require a lot of school and some careers that don't require very much.
- It's all about your options.
- But why do I have to do this?

When you are done, answer the questions on the next page.

1. Every cluster contains pathways: smaller groups of careers with more specialized

_____ and _____.

2. List two things you learned about the Career Clusters and Pathways from the tiles on the **All About Career Clusters and Pathways** page:

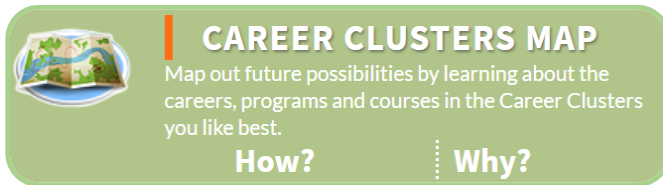
1. _____

2. _____

Click the **Continue** button at the bottom of the screen when you have completed the above questions.

Career Clusters – How and Why

Directions: Read the **How?** and **Why?** at the top of the Career Clusters Map page.



You are now ready to explore Career Clusters and learn about possible careers, programs, and courses!

3. You will find 16 Career Clusters boxes. **Choose the top three Career Clusters that interest you:**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Answer the questions on the next page about the Career Clusters you chose.

The first Career Cluster I am exploring is:

1. What is the job outlook for this cluster?
2. List the sample programs that interest you:
3. List the sample careers that interest you:
4. How many pathways are there for this cluster:
5. List all of the pathways for this cluster:

The second Career Cluster I am exploring is:

1. What is the job outlook for this cluster?
2. List the sample programs that interest you:
3. List the sample careers that interest you:
4. How many pathways are there for this cluster?
5. List all of the pathways for this cluster:

The third Career Cluster I am exploring is:

1. What is the job outlook for this cluster?
2. List the sample programs that interest you:
3. List the sample careers that interest you:
4. How many pathways are there for this cluster?
5. List all of the pathways for this cluster:

When you have completed the questions about each Career Cluster, write a sentence about the Career Cluster you like most and what makes it appealing to you:



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Answer Page:

All About Career Clusters and Pathways

1. Every cluster contains pathways: smaller groups of careers with more specialized

_____ **skills** _____ and _____ **knowledge** _____

2. List two things you learned about the Career Clusters and Pathways from the tiles on the **All About Career Clusters and Pathways** page:

1. **Answers will vary.**
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3. You will find 16 Career Clusters boxes. **Choose the top three Career Clusters that interest you:**

The answers for the 16 Career Clusters and Pathways section will vary for all students, depending on the Career Clusters the students chose.