Explore Careers and Plan Your Future With RURReady.ND.gov
How can I find out which careers might match my interests?
• You can start by going to RUReady.ND.gov and taking the Career Cluster Survey!

What is RUReady.ND.gov?
• RUReady.ND.gov is an education and career planning program available to everyone in North Dakota – from pre-K to adult!

What are Career Clusters?
• Career Clusters are broad groups of occupations and industries that share common features.
• If you like one job in a cluster, you will probably find other jobs in that cluster that you will like as well.
• Careers with the same knowledge and skills are grouped in the same cluster.
• Each cluster may include hundreds of different careers.
There are 16 Career Clusters

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications
- Business, Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales & Service
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
BenEFITs of Career CLusters

Why use career clusters to explore careers and plan your future?

Thinking ahead and preparing for careers is helpful if you are headed to the workplace or college. Some careers that are common today may not be needed tomorrow. And all careers require flexibility, knowledge, and skills.

• **Think big.** Career clusters help you take a broad look at your options through six career fields and the options within each field.

• **Get excited.** Choices seem endless but remember you're in control. Exploring clusters can get you excited about your options as you discover what's best for you.

• **Save time.** Exploring groups of similar occupations helps you select and eliminate choices more quickly than researching many individual occupations.

• **Spend wisely.** Make wise decisions about what you're going to study. Don't declare a major quickly and then realize halfway through the program that a different career interests you more.

• **Take control.** Base your career choice on your own dreams and interests. Career clusters help you learn about all the types of careers available, so you don't leave the decision to chance.

• **Stand out.** Grab employers' attention by knowing the skill requirements and knowledge for specific fields and jobs.
How do I access RUReady.ND.gov?

PUBLIC SCHOOL student in grades 6-12:

1. Go to your school’s PowerSchool Sign In to access RUReady.ND.gov.
   Sign in to your PowerSchool account.

2. From the PowerSchool main screen, click on the Applications icon to access your ND Education Portal.

3. Click on the ND Education Portal Link.

4. Click on the RUReady ‘badge’ on the ND Education Portal to access your account.

I’m a PRIVATE or TRIBAL SCHOOL student in grades 6-12:

1. Go to RUReady.ND.gov.
2. Click Create an Account.
3. Click on the role that best describes you (Middle School or High School Student.)
4. Enter your name and date of birth and select your school and graduation year.
5. Select your Account Name and Password with care. You will use this to access the site.
7. Check the box if you agree to the privacy policy and terms of the site.
8. Click Submit.

Full Instructions for Public School students.
Full Instructions for Private/Tribal School students.

If you are unable to sign in or are experiencing sign in issues, please contact your school for assistance. For security reasons, PowerSchool is unable to assist with sign in, password, or other accessibility-related issues.
The UserWay Widget

The UserWay widget offers assistance with the following:

- Contrast
- Highlight Links
- Bigger Text
- Text Spacing
- Pause Animations
- Dyslexia Friendly
- Cursor
- Tooltips

Click on the green UserWay icon in the in upper right-hand corner of the screen to select accessibility tools.
Find the Career Cluster Survey

Click on the CAREER PLANNING tab.

Middle School Students
Find out what you can start doing to prepare for and succeed in high school.
- Find careers you might like by taking the Career Key
- Explore your career options
- Check out your planning timeline
- Take the Career Cluster Survey
- Plan your high school classes
- Start building your portfolio
Click on **Learn About Yourself**.
Click on Career Cluster Survey
Click **START**

**Career Cluster Survey**

Match your interests and personal qualities to Career Clusters to explore future options.

**How Long Will It Take?**

There are three parts to complete. Take as long as you need to read and select the activities, personal qualities, and school subjects that match you.

**Why You Should Try It**

Learning how the activities you like, your personal qualities, and your favorite subjects are related to Career Clusters can help you decide what careers you want to explore.

**Things You Should Know**

Your results are automatically saved to Your Portfolio so you can use them to explore Career Clusters any time!
Check ✓ all of the activities you would like to do in the future or right now.

Click Next at the bottom.

There are 7 pages to the Career Cluster Survey.
Here is some vocabulary you may want to know before moving to the next section of checklists:

• **Inquisitive** – eager for knowledge, curious
• **Tactful** – skill in handling difficult situations
• **Keen** – smart, sharp
• **Rational** – reasonable, good sense
• **Methodical** – orderly, careful
• **Civic-minded** – want to make a difference in community
• **Impartial** – fair, not favoring one idea or person
• **Diplomatic** – skilled in handling sensitive information
• **Perceptive** – recognize/identify behaviors, problems, concerns
• **Analytical** – you can break down information & examine parts

Find more definitions of terms used in the Career Cluster Survey [here](#).
Check ✓ all of your personal qualities.

Click NEXT at the bottom.
Check ✓ all of the school subjects you like or enjoy.

Click SEE YOUR TOP CLUSTERS at the bottom.
Your Results

Click on your top clusters to learn more about the cluster and view a list of matching careers.
Click on One of Your Top Career Clusters

Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

Introduction
Planning, managing and providing legal, public safety, protective and homeland security services, including professional and technical support services.

Employment Outlook
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PATHWAYS 5

Legal
Employment in legal occupations is projected to grow 5 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations, and will result in about 67,800 new jobs. As law firms try to increase the efficiency of legal services and reduce their costs, there is expected to be strong demand to hire more paralegals and legal assistants. Additionally, the demand for lawyers is expected to continue as individuals, businesses, and governments require legal services in many areas.

Protective Services
Employment in protective service occupations is projected to grow 3 percent from 2019 to 2029, about as fast as the average, and will result in about 15,200 new jobs.

Click Save to Portfolio

Click Careers
Sort by Education Level

- Professional or Graduate Degree
  = 6+, 8+, or 12-16+ years of college
- Bachelor’s Degree
  = 4 years of college
- Associate’s Degree
  = 2 years of college
- Postsecondary training
  = some college with on-the-job training
- Military
If available, watch the career video. Choose items from the menu on the right to learn more about the career.

Notice the information at the top:
- Average Salary
- Education
- Job Outlook
Your Portfolio

Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

Fish and Game Warden

What They Do

Fish and Game Wardens Career Video

- What They Do
- Is This For You?
- Skills Needed
- What To Learn
- Money & Outlook
- Connections
- Interviews
- Real-Life Activities

Compare to Another Career
Start a Career Plan

Print • Email • PDF
Your Journal

- **North Dakota Choice Ready**
- **Your Profile**
  - Personalize your portfolio by recording your future goals, experiences, extra-curricular activities, etc.
- **Career Planning Portfolio**
  - Review your saved careers and assessment results and describe your work experiences.
- **High School Planning Portfolio**
  - Update your plan of study and high school results.
- **College Planning Portfolio**
  - Update your future educational plans and college preparation
- **Financial Aid Planning Portfolio**
  - Review your financial aid plans
- **Your Journal**
  - Record your ideas, questions, and thoughts as you make your plans.
- **Your Planning Milestones**
  - Track your progress on items you need to complete.
Add a new journal entry
Example journal entry:

Click Save!
Take-Away

• Did you learn anything new about yourself?
• How will you use this information in the future?