An “Exploring Careers” Scavenger Hunt

With this activity, your students will find valuable career planning information in EducationQuest Foundation’s “Exploring Careers” publication.

Supplies you’ll need

- **EducationQuest’s Exploring Careers publication** that covers the 16 career clusters. Most Nebraska middle schools and high schools received a shipment of Exploring Careers for their 8th, 9th and 10th grade students in August. If you need additional copies, order them free of charge via the “Resources for High Schools” or “Resources for Agencies” sections at EducationQuest.org.

- **Prizes** – In addition to prizes you may have at your school or organization, consider ordering free KnowHow2GONebraska rubber wristbands available through the “Resources” links above.

**Instructions:**

- Give students several minutes to read Exploring Careers.
- Once students are done reading it, ask the class the Scavenger Hunt questions included with this activity. The first student to answer each question wins a prize!
- You can also print off the question worksheet and give it to students as a quiz.

See next page for Scavenger Hunt questions.
1. Essential knowledge and skills are common to all careers. List three essential skills.
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2. Career fields represent broad groupings of careers. List the six career fields.
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3. What is a career cluster?
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4. List three online resources for college and career planning.
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5. What problem solving skills are needed in the field of Information Technology?
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6. List four courses that will help you prepare for a career in Health Science.
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7. List four extracurricular activities that would help you pursue the career field of Law, Public Safety and Security.
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8. List three careers you could pursue with a degree in marketing, sales, and service.
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9. The Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics career cluster involves the movement of people, materials and goods by what means?
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10. What three skills and abilities are needed for all 16 career clusters?
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**Exploring Careers Scavenger Hunt – Answer Sheet**

1. Essential knowledge and skills are common to all careers. List three essential skills.
   - communications
   - leadership and teamwork
   - problem solving
critical thinking technical skills
– or anything found in the middle circle of the career diagram. (page 2)

2. Career fields represent broad groupings of careers. List the six career fields.
   Environmental and Agricultural Systems
   Communication and Information Systems
   Industrial Manufacturing and Engineering Systems
   Health Sciences, Human Services & Resources
   Business Marketing and Management (page 2)

3. What is a career cluster?
   A career cluster is a group of careers with similar skills and common themes. (page 2)

4. List three online resources for college and career planning.
   EducationQuest.org
   KnowHow2GONebraska.org
   NebraskaCareerConnections.org (page 2)

5. What problem solving skills are needed in the field of Information Technology?
   Planning, creating and testing new technologies using industry standards. (page 4)

6. List four courses that will help you prepare for a career in Health Science.
   Accounting  Advanced Biology  Anatomy and Physiology
   Child Development  Health and Wellness (page 5)

7. List four extracurricular activities that would help you pursue a career in Law, Public Safety or Security.
   Athletics  Student Council  Boys & Girls State
   FCCLA  4-H  Debate team
   Mock Trial  Driver’s Education (page 8)

8. List three careers you could pursue with a degree in marketing, sales, and service.
   Property and Real Estate Manager  Sales Manager
   Hairstylist and Cosmetologist (page 10)

9. The Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics career cluster involves the movement of people, materials and goods by what means?
   road  pipeline  air  rail  water (page 6)

10. What three skills and abilities are needed for all 16 career clusters?
    Communication  Problem Solving  Technical