



Career Exploration Activities for Middle or High School Classrooms

During this presentation, what are 2-3 things you are hoping to learn?



Presentation Plan



WHAT IS CAREER EXPLORATION



5 IDEAS TO START CAREER
EXPLORATION TODAY



FREE RESOURCES!

Think-Pair-Share



- Critical thinking
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Presentation skills

What is Career Exploration?



What is Career Exploration?

Career exploration is the process of researching, evaluating, and learning about modern work opportunities and how students can pursue the careers of their choice.

<https://www.aeseducation.com/blog/what-is-career-exploration>

What is Career Exploration?

Career Exploration is simply learning about various occupations and their "fit" with your unique career preferences, e.g. the skills, interests and values you want satisfied by your career.

<https://career.berkeley.edu/Plan/Explore>

What is Career Exploration?

Career exploration involves learning more about yourself, researching your options, trying new experiences, and creating a strategic plan to reach your professional goals.

<https://seaver.pepperdine.edu/career-services/students/careerexploration/>

What is Career Exploration

Process to learn, discover and evaluate career opportunities based on one's own interests and values.

It should be FUN and INFORMATIVE.

Where is Career Exploration taught?

Middle School

High School

- Career Exploration Classes
 - CTSO organizations
 - CTE classes



Where do we get started?



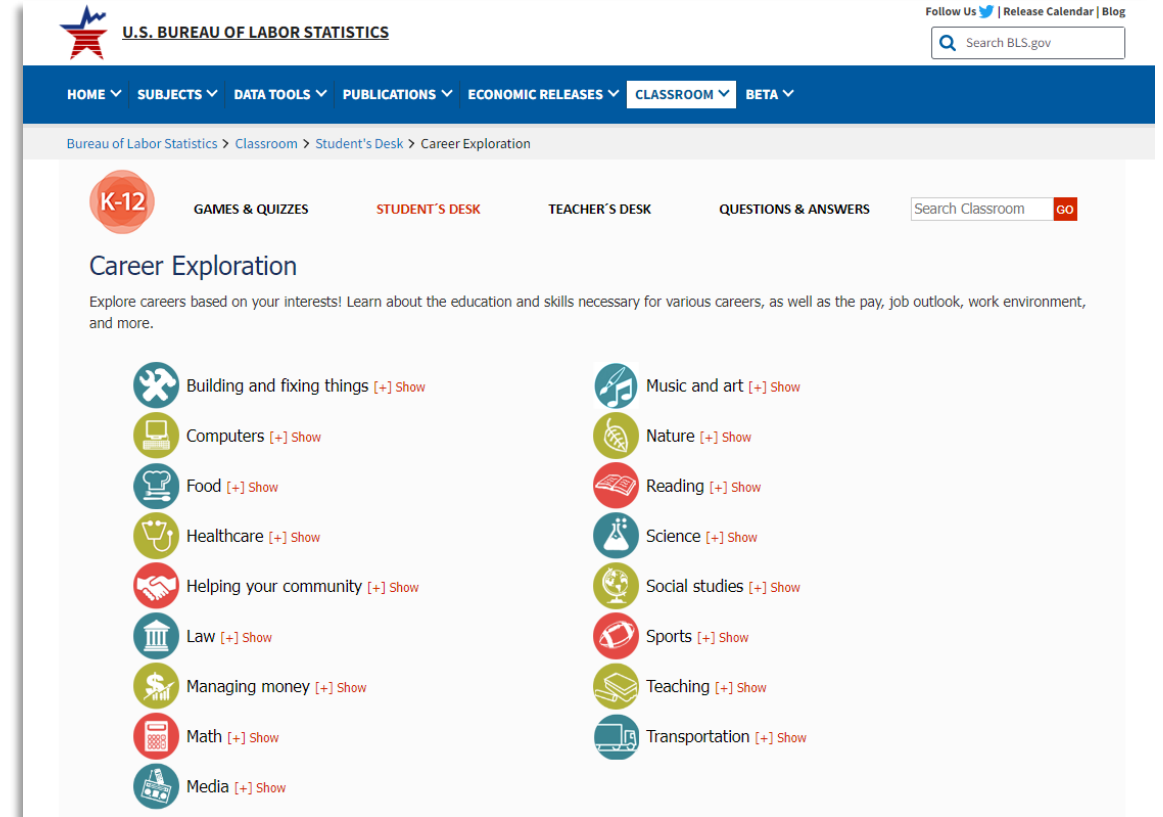
Take time to research



1. Create a list of careers
2. Give parameters to share on the career
3. Have students choose a career
4. Share places to learn more about that career
5. Present that career to others!

Take time to research

<https://www.bls.gov/k12/students/careers/career-exploration.htm>



Career Exploration

Explore careers based on your interests! Learn about the education and skills necessary for various careers, as well as the pay, job outlook, work environment, and more.



Building and fixing things [\[+\] Show](#)



Computers [\[+\] Show](#)



Food [\[+\] Show](#)



Healthcare [\[-\] Hide](#)

Pharmacist

Dentist

Registered Nurse

Optometrist

Doctor



Helping your community [\[+\] Show](#)



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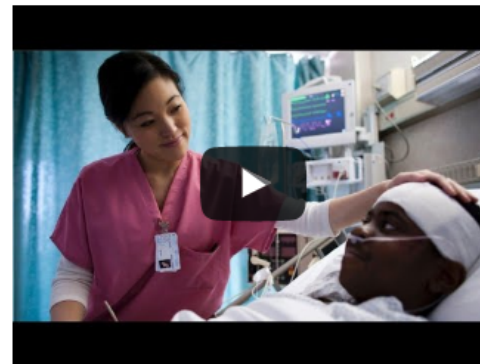


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Summary

Quick Facts: Registered Nurses

2021 Median Pay 	\$77,600 per year \$37.31 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education 	Bachelor's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation 	None
On-the-job Training 	None
Number of Jobs, 2020 	3,080,100
Job Outlook, 2020-30 	9% (As fast as average)
Employment Change, 2020-30 	276,800



[What Registered Nurses Do](#)

Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care and educate patients and the public about various health conditions.

[Work Environment](#)

Registered nurses work in hospitals, physicians' offices, home healthcare services, and nursing care facilities. Others work in outpatient clinics and schools.

[How to Become a Registered Nurse](#)

Registered nurses usually take one of three education paths: a bachelor's degree in nursing, an associate's degree in nursing, or a diploma from an approved nursing program. Registered nurses must be licensed.

[Pay](#)

The median annual wage for registered nurses was \$77,600 in May 2021.

[Job Outlook](#)

Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 9 percent from 2020 to 2030, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

About 194,500 openings for registered nurses are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

[State & Area Data](#)

Explore resources for employment and wages by state and area for registered nurses.

[Similar Occupations](#)

Compare the job duties, education, job growth, and pay of registered nurses with similar occupations.

[More Information, Including Links to O*NET](#)

Learn more about registered nurses by visiting additional resources, including O*NET, a source on key characteristics of workers and occupations.

Use the community!



Use your community

Guest Speakers

Panel discussions

Company tours

Student interviews

Incorporate soft skills



Incorporate soft skills

Teamwork: Assign group work

Critical Thinking: Reflection activities

Communication: Role play

Think-Pair-Share Is SOFT SKILLS!

Incorporate employability skills



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10 Easy Ways to Teach Soft Skills in Any Class

Soft skills, employability skills, job-readiness skills, emotional intelligence... these are the personal attributes that enable people to interact effectively and harmoniously with others. They're considered the "bedside manner" of the workplace — and they are vital for all career paths. If you're looking for easy ways to address soft skills in your classroom, keep reading. You'll hear our favorite ideas for helping students develop the top soft skills



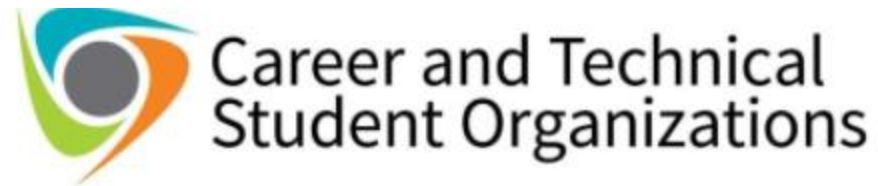
<https://www.realityworks.com/resources/classroom-ideas/>

Incorporate employability skills



<https://www.realityworks.com/soft-skills-implementation/>

CTSO Connections





[Career Pathways Flyer.pdf \(fcclainc.org\)](http://fcclainc.org)

FCCLA Competitive Events and Career Exploration - STAR Events:

Career Investigation - recognizes participants for their ability to perform self-assessments, research and explore a career, set career goals, create a plan for achieving goals, and describe the relationship of Family and Consumer Sciences coursework to the selected career.

Teach and Train - recognizes participants for their exploration of the education and training fields through research and hands-on experience.

HOSA Middle School Competitive Events:

Health Career Exploration - Health Career Exploration provides Middle School Division HOSA members with the opportunity to explore and learn about the five health career clusters and to gain knowledge about career skills, fundamental skills, and professional and academic knowledge within various health careers.

Health Career Display - Health Career Display provides Middle School members with the opportunity to research a career of interest, create a display board of associated career materials, and improve presentation skills as they communicate the career information to others.

Incorporate hands-on learning tools!

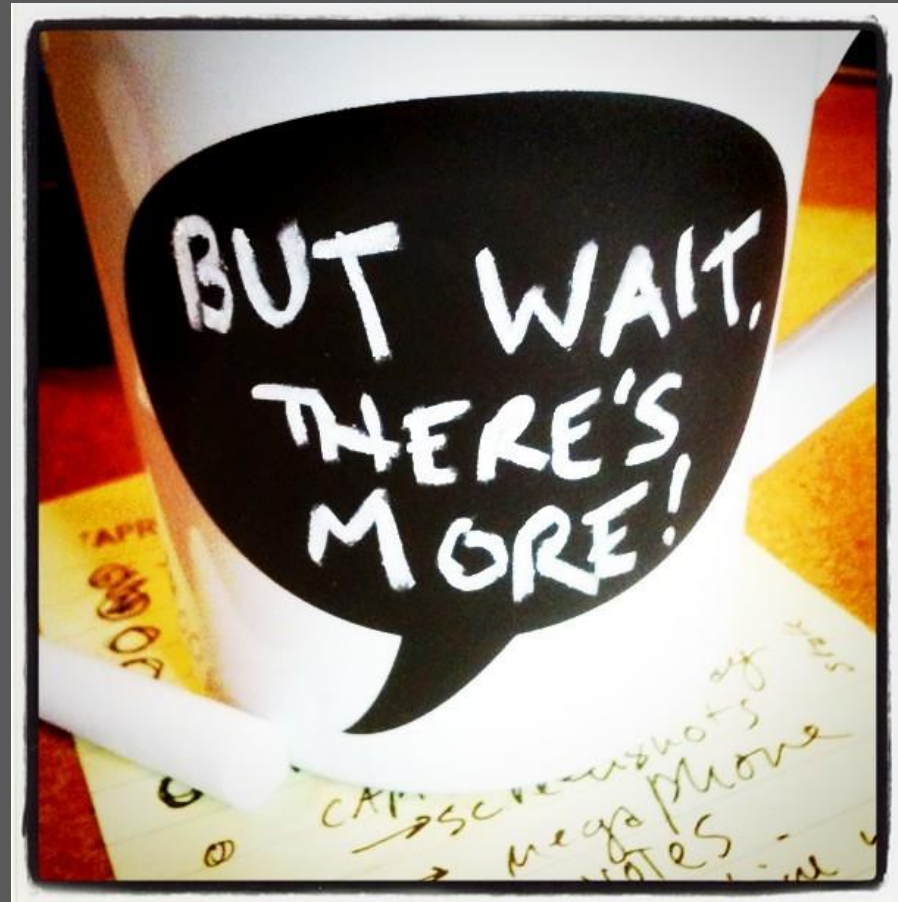


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What other IDEAS do you have





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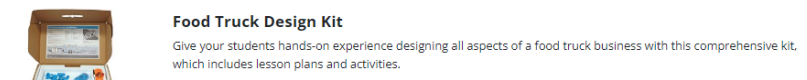
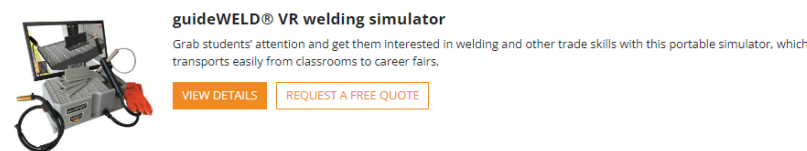
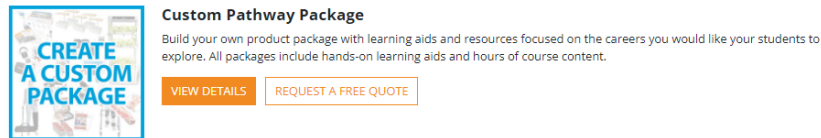
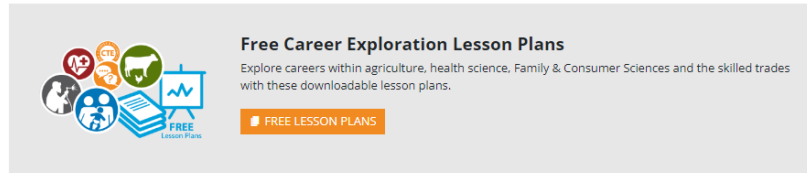
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Career Exploration Implementation

Encourage Career Exploration With 21st Century Learning Aids

Engage your students and help them discover potential careers with hands-on learning aids that explore a variety of content areas.

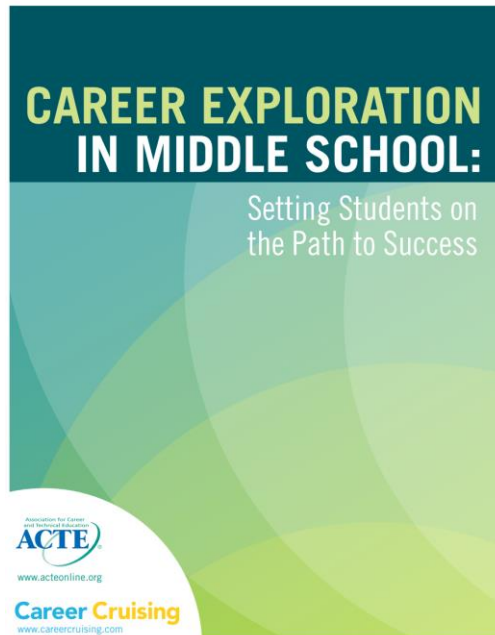


- Free Career Exploration Lesson Plans
- Blogs about teaching
- Access to downloadable Career Posters
- See Realityworks offerings
- And MORE!

RESOURCE:

What is appropriate for middle school career exploration?

<https://www.acteonline.org>

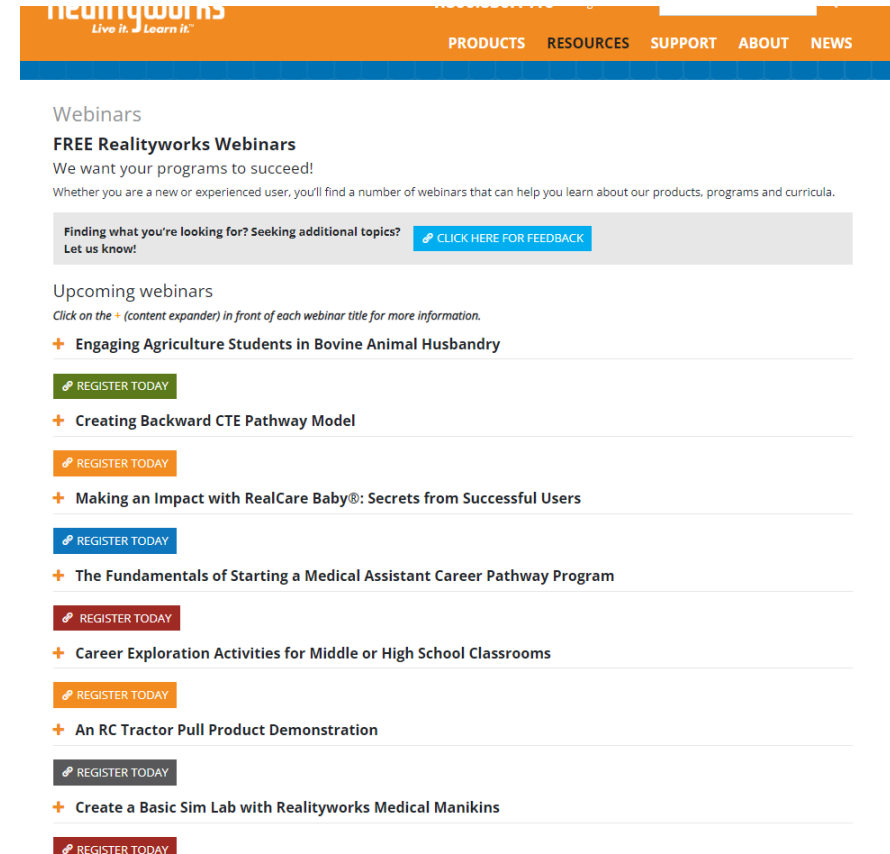


1. Incorporate career-related project-based learning in the classroom.
2. Design projects and activities to develop employability skills.
3. Be flexible when offering exploratory and introductory CTE courses.
4. Facilitate academic and career planning with scalable online tools.
5. Enable short-term interactions with business and community leaders.
6. Provide opportunities for CTSO participation, including financial support when needed.

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