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Curriculum Catalog

Career and Technical Education Series

Career Explorations I

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## Career Explorations I Course Overview

The Career Explorations I course is designed to give seventh- and eighth-grade students an opportunity to explore various CTE subjects. Specifically, students will be able to learn about careers involving human-related services.

Each unit introduces one particular field and explains its past, present, and future. The goal is to whet students' appetites for these careers. Students can then explore that career in more detail as a high school student.

### Objectives

- Examine work, lifestyle, and a career.
- Evaluate the history of health care and the impact of science and technology has had on it.
- Explain why travel and tourism is important to our economy.
- Understand how geographic principles relate to traveler decisions.
- Explain the history the human services and how it functions in society.
- Analyze careers in the consumer services industry.

Unit 1: Career Management		
Assignments		
Career Explorations I	1. Course Overview	14. Project: Basic Employability Skills*
	2. The Purpose of Work	15. Problem Solving
	3. Personal Benefits Of Work	16. Project: Problem Solving*
	4. Wages and Employment Benefits	17. Lifelong Learning and Technology
	5. Project: Time Sheet	18. Career Clusters
	6. Project: Earnings Statement	19. Project: Career Clusters Research Tri-fold Brochure*
	7. Lifestyle Goals	20. Quiz: Elements of Work
	8. Project: Lifestyle Budget	21. Special Project*
	9. Societal Benefits of Work	22. Review
	10. Quiz: What is Work?	23. Test
	11. Basic Work Qualifications	24. Glossary and Credits
	12. Work Environment	
	13. Basic Employability Skills	

Unit 2: Introduction to Careers in Health Sciences		
Assignments		
Career Explorations I	1. Medicine From Ancient Times Through the Middle Ages	8. Advances in Medical Imaging
	2. Medicine in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries	9. Innovations in Transplantation
	3. The Rise of Modern Medicine	10. Project: Genetics
	4. Project: Ancient vs. Modern Medical Practices	11. Project: How Technology is Used in Medicine
	5. Project: Different Health Career Possibilities	12. Quiz: Recent Advances in Science and Technology
	6. Quiz: History of Medicine and Medical Discovery	13. Special Project*
	7. Molecular Technology: Gene Chips	14. Test
	15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 3: Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism Systems	
Career Explorations I	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. Travel Terms
	2. Segments of the Travel Industry
	3. Travel Product Distribution and Why We Travel
	4. Project: Travel Terminology
	5. Project: Segments of the Travel Industry
	6. Quiz: The Foundations of Travel
	7. Geographic Basics and Where We Travel
	8. The Countries We Visit – Part 1
9. The Countries We Visit – Part 2	
10. Project: Geographic Basics and Where We Travel	
11. Project: The Countries We Visit	
12. Quiz: The Geography of Travel	
13. Special Project*	
14. Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 4: Introduction to Human Services	
Career Explorations I	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. Solving Problems vs. Teaching Problem-Solving Skills
	2. Types of Populations, Services, and Fulfilling Needs
	3. Project: Let's Get Happy and Let's Get Rich
	4. What Human Services Organizations Do
	5. Project: Know Your Surroundings
	6. Quiz: History, Standards, and Overarching Mission
	7. Direct Service Interventions
	8. Policy and Program-Planning Interventions
9. Project: Designing A Human Services Organization	
10. Administration	
11. Project: Life After High School	
12. Quiz: Providers of Human Services	
13. Special Project*	
14. Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 5: Introduction to Consumer Services	
Career Explorations I	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. What are Consumer Services?
	2. Customer Service And Consumer Advocacy
	3. Project: Personal Skills Evaluation
	4. Professional Organizations, Certifications, and Resources
	5. Project: Building a Portfolio
	6. Quiz: Introduction and Basic Competencies
	7. Organizational Structures
	8. Safety Within the Organization
9. Project: Drafting a Safety Policy	
10. External Influences on Consumer Services	
11. Project: Interview-based Article on Sustainability	
12. Quiz: Organizational Structure	
13. Special Project*	
14. Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 6: Course Review, Project, and Exam	
CE I	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. Course Project: Decisions, Decisions*
	2. Review
	3. Exam

(\*) Indicates alternative assignment