Lesson Plan

Topic: Career Exploration- Virtual Job Shadow

Standards: 13.1.8 A, B, C

Competencies: Develop an awareness of personal abilities, interests and skills and relate them to a future career choice.

Objectives: Students will gain knowledge about their interests and relate them to a career path.

Grade Level: 8/9

Materials/Equipment: Computer lab, group journal forms, clusters forms, list of clusters, Virtual Job Shadow Software

Procedure:

Facilitate discussion: (3 minutes) What is a career cluster? What interests do you think a person in that cluster might have? At this time, each child has been given the name of a career on a slip of paper.

Introduce: (5 minutes) Give exact definition of a career cluster. **A career cluster is a group of jobs and industries that are related by skills or products. Within each cluster, there are cluster “pathways” that correspond to a collection of courses and training opportunities to prepare you for a given career.** Explain that each cluster has many careers that fit in it.

Develop/Assess: (20-25 minutes) Tell the students to look at the career they have been given. The task is to find those who have similar careers and physically form your career cluster. Once the groups have found each other, complete the activity sheet/pre-test relating to the cluster. Once they have completed the pre-test questions, give account information to students and sign in to VJS to watch one video from their cluster.

1. [www.virtualjobshadow.com](http://www.virtualjobshadow.com)
2. Click on Career tab and choose Career Central. On the left hand side, click on your cluster or the one that is most closely related. Choose one video to watch and answer the three questions at the bottom of the activity sheet. Write one question you would ask the individual in your video.

Close: (5 minutes) Have students share their responses and discuss what they learned from the lesson.

1. Did you realize that all the careers in your cluster fit together. IF you had to choose a different one? Which career cluster do you think you fit into? We will find out tomorrow. Quick explanation of Career Interest Inventory. Answer any questions.