

My College QuickStart[™] Lesson Plan:

Name:	
Grade Level(s)	Grades 6–8 and Grades 9–12
Goal(s)	 Learn how to identify careers that fit your personality type and how to beg planning your career goals.
Time Required	30–45 minutes
Materials Needed	 My College QuickStart[™]—My Major & Career Matches MyRoad[™]—Research Careers "Comparing Careers" and "Career Itinerary" worksheets (attached)
	 Set up your My College QuickStart account. (Refer to the "Get Connected" reference sheets for assistance.)
Before You Begin	 Make sure that you have a selected major displayed within My College QuickStart. If you were undecided about a major when you took the PSAT/NMSQT[®], you can quickly retrieve a list of majors that might interest you by using the Majors QuickStart in MyRoad.*
	 Go to www.collegeboard.com/quickstart and sign in. Click on
	3. Click on Go to MyRoad (the link is on the far right).
	 Click on Click on
	6. Click on
	7. Follow the on-screen instructions.
	 Choose a major of interest that will appear in the My Major & Career Matches section of your My College QuickStart. A list of related majors and careers will also appear here.
	*Note: You may also complete the ORA Personality Profiler to generate a list of majors. This may take about 45 minutes to complete, but you do not need to complete it all at once.



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Student Objectives	 You will discover how to investigate several careers, consider the suitability of each to your personality type, and draft a plan of action to reach your career goals.
Student Assignment	1. Go to www.collegeboard.com/quickstart and sign in.
	2. Click on
	 For most students, a list will appear called "Related Careers." If students not see a list, they may use MyRoad's Majors QuickStart for a suggested list (see "Before You Begin").
	 Explore three of the careers that relate to your chosen major in My Colleg OuickStart. Click on any of the links here to go to that particular career's MyRoad page.
	5. Review these Web pages for each career:
	Overview
	Where You'll Work
	OutlookPerspectives
	Complete the lesson worksheets, "Comparing Careers" and "Career Itinerary."
	Take the ORA Personality Profiler. To do this, follow these steps:
	1. Log into My College QuickStart.
Optional Assignments	2. Click on
	3. Click on Go to MyRoad (the link is on the far right).
	4. Click on I.D. ME
	5. Click on
	 Make sure the appropriate version of the ORA Personality Profiler (Niddle School or High School) is selected.
	7. Click on
	8. Follow the on-screen instructions.



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	 Review the ORA Personality Profiler results. After you take the Profiler, you may view your results by clicking on
Optional Assignments (cont'd)	 2. By clicking on any of these links near the top of the screen, you can view more about your personality type: My Type Detail Results Majors Careers
	 Within MyRoad, you may enter your information into My Plan and begin building an online portfolio and résumé. 1. Click on 2. Click on any of the sections' links and fill out the resultant forms.
	 Help assess the fit between your individual strengths, interests, and careers. Using the profiles of chosen careers, complete the "Comparing Careers" worksheet. Consider the following questions:
	 How much education is required beyond high school?
	 Are there entry-level jobs that would allow you to sample the field before committing to years of schooling?
Classroom	 Is additional certification required to become a professional?
Discussion Topics (Optional)	Which of the characteristics in the Personal Attributes section describe you? Which don't?
	2. What other factors might make a career more or less appealing to you?
	 How important is salary? How much money do you want to make after graduation from college (or high school)?
	 How important is geographic location? Some careers demand that one moves wherever the jobs are, others require a lot of travel, and others are concentrated in particular areas of the country or the world.



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	 How much time are you willing to spend at work versus at play or at rest? What careers afford more flexibility this way? Which afford less?
	 Which of the careers you've looked at involve working with people? Which ones involve a lot of independent work? Which do you prefer?
	Complete Step 2 on the "Comparing Careers" worksheet by ranking your career choices.
	4. Choose a career from the ranked list and use the "Career Itinerary" worksheet to create an "itinerary" for pursuing that career.
Classroom Discussion Topics	Note: This is about exploring possibilities rather than developing a hard-and- fast plan.
(Optional)	5. Discuss the following:
(cont'd)	What are some alternative routes into this career?
	 What other careers will you come into contact with in the work or internship environment?
	 If at any stage you discover that you don't want to pursue this career, where could you take the skills that you will have already built in the field? (Check the Possibilities section of Research Careers in MyRoad for information on related careers.)
	 Create lists of mentors and sources for internships that will help you explore your careers of interest.



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Worksheet 1: Comparing Careers

1. Use MyRoad's Research Careers section to gather information on careers that interest you.

How do I get initial experience in the field? How much education is required? Is additional certification required? Personal Attributes Which describe me? Which describe Which describe Which describe	don't
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the field?	e me?

2. After discussion with your counselor, rank the above careers according to your level of interest.

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Worksheet 2: Career Itinerary		
Complete this worksheet with your counselor a plans about careers.	nd keep it so that you can track your changing ideas	
Where am I now? High-school grade level		
What do I want to be doing with my career in		
• 5 years?		
• 10 years?		
• 20 years?		
What level of education do I need to achieve the	ese goals? (Circle all that apply.)	
High school/GED	Associate (2-year) degree	
Bachelor of arts (major)	Bachelor of science or engineering (major)	
Master's degree (field)	Ph.D. (field)	
Medical degree (type)	Law degree	
Certification		
How many years will it take to get the necessar	ry education?	
Will I take any time off from school? How will I spend this time (e.g., internships, tra	avel, work)?	
Do I need to plan ahead for professional licensir If so, how many years of work experience will I	ng or certification? need before I can become licensed or certified?	
Four things I can do this year to explore career	rs that interest me	
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