

Lesson 2: Careers and Interest Matching

Objective:
Students will learn about the careers that match their interests.
Overview:
Students will explore a Department of Labor website to learn more about potential careers, including the future demand for these careers and averages salaries earned in these fields.

Lesson preparation:	Activity
<p>Teacher and students will need access to the internet.</p> <p>Open the PowerPoint for Lesson 2. Print copies of the Lesson 2 pre-test and post-test.</p> <p>Go to http://aspirations.sparc37.com/ and click on the Pathways link at the bottom. Find the link in the table labeled "Career Info." This is the link students will explore in this lesson.</p> <p>Become familiar with the "Interest Assessment" before the lesson. The Interest Assessment is explained at https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Careers/interest-assessment-help.aspx. The button for changing the survey to Spanish is located in the top right corner of the webpage.</p>	<p>Distribute copies of the pre-test, ask students to complete, and collect pre-tests. The pre-test will let students know what they should learn from this lesson.</p> <p>Review the PowerPoint with students. You may need to revisit slides as you conduct the lesson activities.</p> <p>Go to http://aspirations.sparc37.com/ and click on the Pathways link at the bottom. Find the link in the table labeled "Career Info." This is the link students will explore in this lesson.</p> <p>After completing the Interest Assessment and obtaining their list of potential careers, students will explore links to the careers on the list of matches. Use filters at the top to sort by average pay, typical education required, and the outlook (new job opportunities expected) for jobs in that field.</p> <p>Distribute copies of the post-test, ask students to complete, and collect post-tests. Compare pre- and post-test results.</p>

Suggestions for Differentiation:	Discussion:
<p>If students think that their careers do not match their interests, have them click on Change Answers on the Careers page. They should review some of their answers and change them.</p> <p>The Interest Survey website can be presented in Spanish. The button in the top right corner will change the website to Spanish.</p>	<p>Ask students to share a career they did not know about that matches their interests. Discuss why information about whether a field is growing could be important. Ask if anyone found a career that might interest them.</p> <p>Ask students to compare the careers that match interests with the careers that match their skills. Which assessment revealed the most careers that might interest them?</p>