Research Careers

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Career Research helps you explore many careers that fit you best. Of course, you want to work in a career where you are happy to go to work, so career research helps you know everything about careers. What will you do every day? How much does it pay? What is the training required? Will there be jobs in the future? Who hires people in these jobs? These are important factors to consider when making decisions about your future.
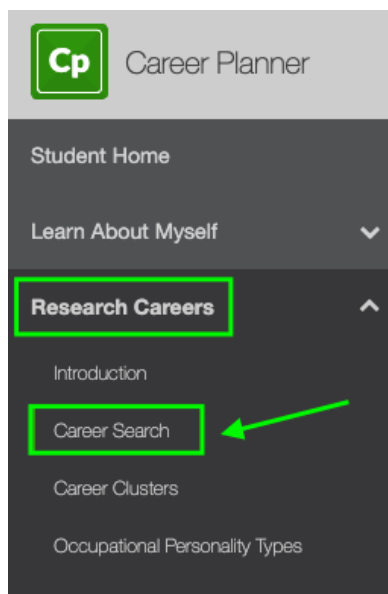
Career Search (back to **quick links**)

Career Search is a versatile tool that lets you quickly look up careers.

Log into Career Planner: https://[yourdistrict].schooldata.net/v2/career-planner

Career Planner may also be accessed from your **High School and Beyond Application.**

Click **Research Careers>>Career Search** in the left-hand navigation menu.

Like other pages, click on ♥ hearts to save a career to your favorites, or click on a career name to learn more about it.

Searching and Sorting (back to quick links)

You can type all or part of a word in any search box to find a list of matching careers. In the example below, typing "nurse" in the Career search box returns all careers with "nurse" in the career name. Note that "Nursery Workers" is included because "nurse" is part of the name.
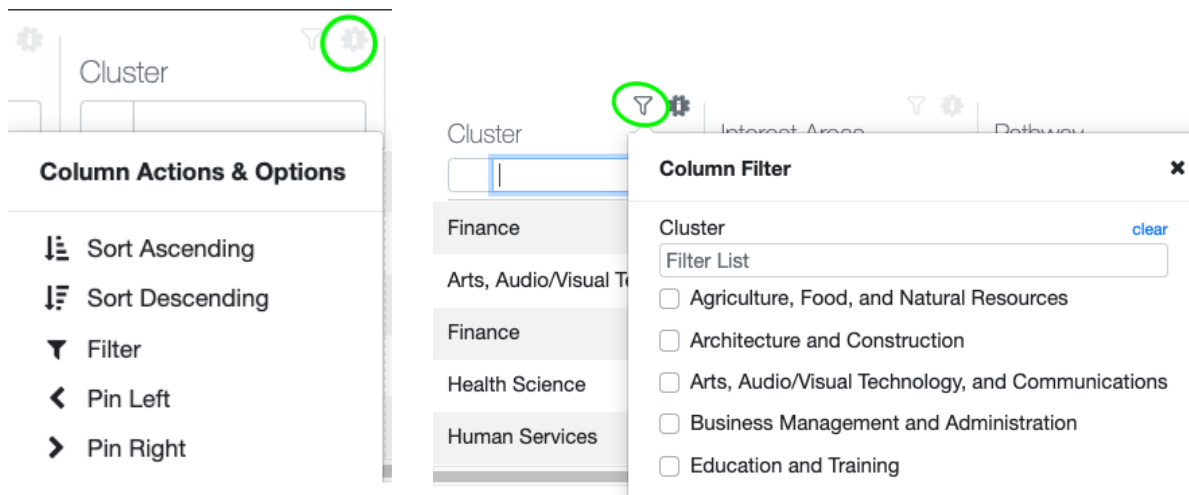

Careers are automatically sorted A-Z by career name, but you can also sort by any other field by clicking on the header. In the example below, clicking the "Cluster" header has sorted all careers alphabetically by Cluster.
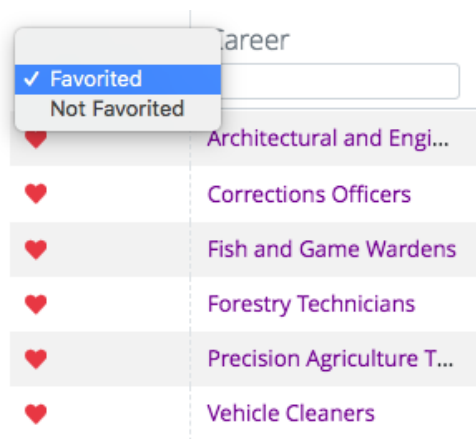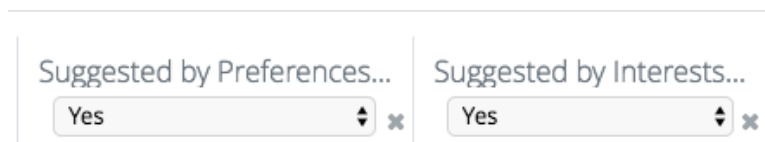
Filtering Careers (back to [quick links](#))

There are several different filter options to narrow down your list of interesting careers quickly. Click on **Column Actions & Options Gear** or the **Column Filter** to view other selections.

For example, if you want to see just the careers you've favored in other parts of Career Planner, toggle the heart column filter to "Favorited."

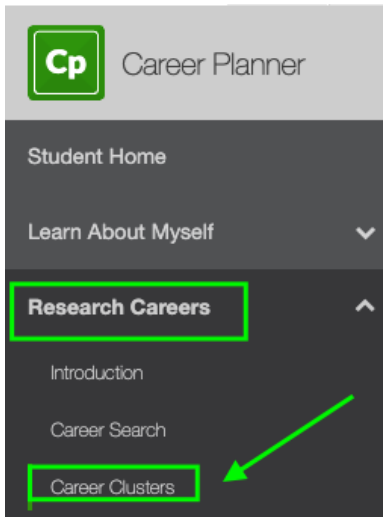Another example is if you want to see the careers recommended in **Review My Traits**. Recall that the strongest matches in **Review My Traits** matched your results for both the **Preferences and the Interests surveys.** Therefore, to see these careers in **Career Search**, selecting "Yes" for both "**Suggested by Preferences**" and "**Suggested by Interests**" will give you a list of your two-star career matches.

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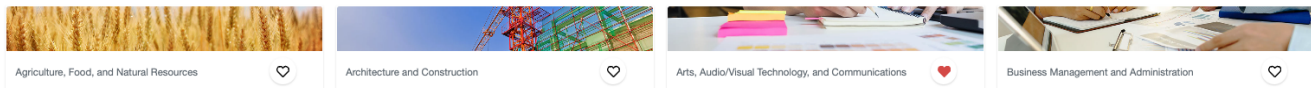
Career Clusters (back to [quick links](#))

Career Clusters breaks down all careers in Career Planner into sixteen (16) career fields or clusters. If you are just starting your career research, this is an excellent place to begin; you will learn the basics of each job type, the education, and training you can expect to invest, and compare wages for specific jobs in that field.

Remember to favorite ❤️ careers you discover along the way!

Each Career Cluster has its page; click on any picture for a closer look into that cluster.

Use Career Clusters to find careers that share similar knowledge and skills. Each cluster contains several pathways. A pathway is a group of related career specialties within a cluster. Looking at Careers by Cluster provides you with a good starting point in your career research by showing careers you may not have thought about before and giving you quick information about those related careers.

Each **Career Cluster** page briefly describes why the field might appeal to you and summarizes the career paths in that field. You can also hop straight to a list of all careers in that cluster. You can do this by clicking the link under the picture at the top right of the screen ("see all careers in this cluster").

RESEARCH CAREERS
♡ Career Cluster - Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

Are science classes your favorite? Are you interested in protecting the environment? Do you collect rocks? Do you enjoy working outdoors? Do you enjoy working with animals? Do you have a green thumb? If so, this career cluster might be for you.

If you choose to work in occupations in the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources cluster, you could raise plants and animals as sources for food and shelter. On the other hand, you could focus on selling and making products from plants and animals. These products include food, lumber, and fabrics. You might also provide advice and services that farmers and ranchers need to improve products. Another option in this cluster is to work to conserve natural resources and protect the environment.

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

(see all 29 careers in this cluster)

Career Pathways (back to quick links)

There are a lot of careers out there, and even within a single Career Cluster, you can see plenty of variety.

Career Pathways further breaks down a Career Cluster to help you better understand your options in that field. Each pathway has its summary and list of careers. To see a **complete list** of careers for a pathway, click the **(see all careers)** link.

CAREER CLUSTER PATHWAYS

Agribusiness Systems	In the Agribusiness Systems pathway, you would focus on products or services. This includes food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products or services. You might use satellite systems, computer databases and spreadsheets, or biotechnology to increase efficiency and profitability.	Farmers and Farm Managers
Animal Systems	In the Animal Systems pathway, you would strive to find better ways to produce and process meat, eggs, and dairy products. You might study the genetics, nutrition, or development of animals. On the other hand, you might purchase livestock from farmers and ranchers or assist them with marketing or selling their animals. To assure that the products are safe to eat, you could inspect and grade meat. To assist farmers and ranchers, you could advise them on how to feed or house their animals to increase production. Another option is to care for the animals. You might train, feed and water, groom, or exercise the animals. You may also clean, disinfect, and repair their cages,	Animal Breeders Animal Caretakers Animal Scientists (see all careers)
Environmental Service Systems	In the Environmental Service Systems pathway, you would act to protect the environment. You might focus on pollution control, recycling, waste disposal, or public health issues. Your work could involve doing studies to find threats to the ecosystem. Then you would figure out how to deal with the threats and to prevent future problems. You might design and operate wastewater systems. In other occupations in this pathway, you could collect, recycle, and remove hazardous materials.	Environmental Engineering Technicians Environmental Engineers Hazardous Material Workers (see all careers)

Wages will give you two columns with dollar amounts. The first column is the National Annual Median Wage for each career, and the second is the Washington Annual Median Wage.

National Annual Median Wage gives you an idea of how much the average worker in the United States earns every year after spending several years in that career. One way to think of it is "about 50% of workers earn this much or more yearly."

Washington's Annual Median Wage is like the National Annual Median Wage, except it only looks at workers in Washington State. It is worth remembering that you may earn more money in specific locations, but living there may also cost more.
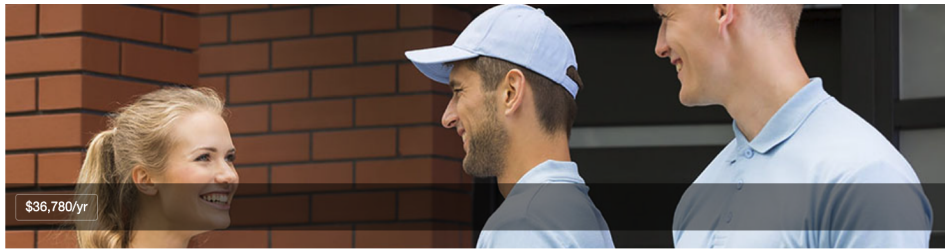
WAGES

Short-Term, On-the-Job Training (Less than One Month)	National Annual Median Wage	Washington Annual Median Wage
Construction Helpers	$27,310 - $30,570	$31,022 - $44,689
Electrician Helpers	$29,530	$48,123
Floor and Carpet Layers	$37,840 - $38,280	$41,968 - $46,105
General Construction Workers	$33,430	$41,468

Digging Deeper (back to quick links)

Clicking on a career with give you more information. An average yearly salary, career summary, and a button to "**Dig Deeper.**"

RESEARCH CAREERS
♡ Couriers and Messengers

$36,780/yr

Career Summary
Couriers and messengers pick up and deliver letters, documents, and packages.
Couriers and messengers typically work in cities and small local regions. They are used when overnight mail service is not fast enough. They are also used when electronic methods of delivery are not practical.

Couriers and messengers use many forms of transportation, such as:

[Dig Deeper]

Digging Deeper will provide you with an assortment of tabs for further information. These sections summarize the education and training expectations for the field and break them down:

- **Duties** (Tasks, Common Work Activities),
- **Requirements** (Working Conditions, Physical Demands, Skills and Abilities),
- **Training** (Degrees, Certificates, Licenses, Exams, Education after High School, Volunteer/Work Experience, On-the-Job, Military, Helpful High School Courses),
- **Wages** (Wages in various states, locations, and pay periods, 10/25/50/75/90% of people make this wage or less) Median=50%. Many factors into a person's wages, but entry-level positions generally fall between 10-25%, while people with much more experience and education might expect to fall between 75-90%. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017)
- **Employment (**an overview of growth in the field, demand)
- **Things to Know**
- **Resources**
- **Video**
- **Related**

RESEARCH CAREERS
♡ Couriers and Messengers - Duties

Details | Duties | Requirements | Training | Wages | Employment | Things to Know | Resources | Video

Job Duties

Task List
The following list of occupational tasks is specific to Couriers and Messengers.

- Pick up, unload, and sort items collected on delivery routes.
- Obtain signatures and payment for items when they are delivered.
- Load vehicles with goods to be delivered, making sure items are packed correctly and carefully.
- Receive instructions for picking up items to be delivered. Plan the most efficient delivery route.
- Walk, ride bicycle, or drive to delivery destinations. Deliver items to recipients.
- Keep records of items received and delivered.
- Maintain bike or delivery vehicle.
- May perform routine office work, like sorting mail and answering telephones.
- Check in with home offices to confirm delivery.

Common Work Activities
Couriers and Messengers perform the following tasks. These tasks are common to many occupations.

- Get information needed to do the job
- Document and record information
- Operate vehicles or mechanized equipment
- Communicate with supervisors, peers, or subordinates
- Handle and move objects
- Establish and maintain relationships
- Identify objects, actions, and events
- Perform activities that use the whole body
- Monitor events, materials, and surroundings
- Evaluate information against standards

$ $36,780/yr

Related Careers (see all)

Baggage Porters and B... ♡
Light Truck Drivers ♡

Related Programs (see all)
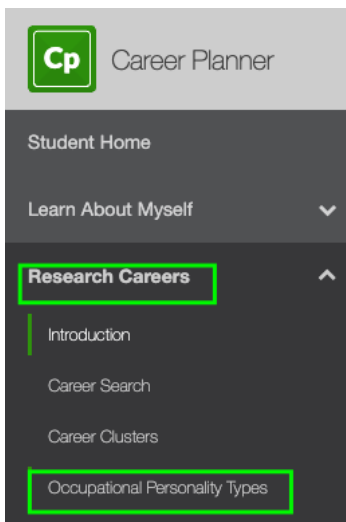
Entrepreneurial and Sm... ♡
Office Support ♡

Occupational Personality Types (back to [quick links](#))

Exploring careers by personality type can help you find a career that you enjoy, and that plays to your strengths. Do you like team projects, or do you prefer to work alone? Do you find it easier to work if you're outdoors and moving around, or do you concentrate better working at a desk?

If you have already taken the **Interests survey**, you can start with your **Top 3 Occupational Personality Types** from your survey results. If you haven't, pick something that appeals to you and start clicking!

Don't forget to ❤️ favorite interesting careers along the way.

Click **Research Careers > Occupation Personality Types** in the left-hand menu.

Click on any picture to learn more about the career matches for that personality type.

Each page lists careers that may fit that personality type well. In addition, each career lists the **Cluster, Interest Areas, Pathway, and Personality Type** and whether a video for it is available.

In addition, it will note with a star whether it was part of your Preferences, Interests, Programs, or School.