

Career Explorations I

Course Overview and Syllabus

Grade level: 6–8

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 0.5

Course Description

Career Explorations I is a semester-long course designed to give middle school students an opportunity to explore various CTE subjects. Specifically, students learn about careers involving human-related services. Each of the five units introduce one particular field and explains its past, present, and future. These units include: Career Management, Introduction to Careers in Health Sciences, Hospitality and Tourism Systems, Human Services, and Consumer Services. The goal is to whet students' appetites for these careers. Students can then explore that career in more detail as a high school student.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Examine the purpose of work, from personal benefits to lifelong learning
- Learn about wages and employment benefits, and how to maintain a time sheet
- Develop problem-solving skills, and match work goals to lifestyle goals
- Identify career clusters through a project that helps determine which clusters best match talents
- Discuss the history of health care, from its initial focus on religion and culture to medical discoveries and the integration of technology
- Explore hospitality and tourism, services for leisure and business travelers, and vacation packages and travel products known as commodities and experiences
- Discover the role of human services professionals, how they provide assistance to people in need, and the organizations that employ them
- Compare diverse careers in consumer services, and their varied educational requirements and certifications

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of videos, readings, and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	20%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Assignments	10%
Projects	30%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

- Unit 1:** Career Management
- Unit 2:** Introduction to Careers in Health Sciences
- Unit 3:** Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism Systems
- Unit 4:** Introduction to Human Services
- Unit 5:** Introduction to Consumer Services