Virtual Career Exploration Centre

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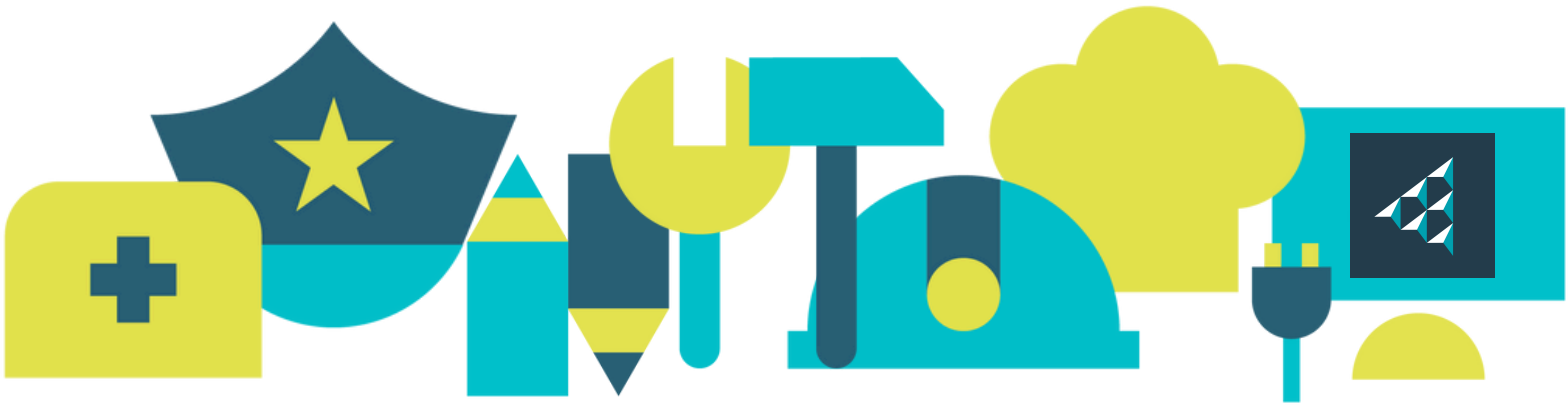

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Description

The Career Exploration Centre is a virtual open access self exploratory experience. The independent online learning platform will help all students aged 13-18 increase their knowledge and awareness of trends and emerging career opportunities while guiding and preparing them to make informed career choices in the future. They will have a better understanding of their potential, a plan for post-secondary education, additional training, and a clear pathway to a career.

Learning outcomes

- Students assess their values, skills, and interests and use that information to evaluate potential careers.
- Explore career sectors and learn about different jobs.
- Better understand the education and training needed for different careers.
- Gain knowledge about grants, scholarships and internships to support different pathways.

Recommended use

The Career Exploration Centre can be used as a learning resource for your students in the following ways:

- As a standalone activity or extension of a JA World of Choices, Skilled Trades Summit or other career exploration event, where students can learn more about different career paths.
- As a guided exploration activity using the sample discussion prompts.
- As self-directed student exploration

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Format

- Open access self exploration
- Single user experience
- Students can access the centre with an anonymized, auto generated login or using their email
- Stand alone programming with diverse uses
- Accessibility features
- Compatible with multiple platforms

Learning content

Trades

- Which Sector Is For You?
- Learn about different pathways and certifications in a trade
- Learn about transferable skills and take a trades explorer quiz
- Learn about different types of trades and hear different success stories
- What you need to know about bursaries, loans and tax deductions for apprentices

Energy

- Energy employees explain how they problem solve on the job
- Read and watch videos on different types of energy
- Explore different job profiles and worksites
- Valuing knowledge and training in Indigenous communities
- Exploring career pathways in energy

Technology

- Explore and learn about robotics
- Learn about AI, data and cybersecurity
- Explore top tech jobs in Canada
- Learn about fullfillment centres and delivery methods
- Find out about scholarships and internship possibilities

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Types of resources

- Specific Career Information weblinks and documents
- Information on pathways
- World of Choices resources
- Skills assessment interactive quiz
- Career Spotlight videos (mentorship/video testimonies)
- Video testimonies
- Scholarship and Job Opportunities
- Video tours
- Quizzes/Games

Sample learning activities

- Identify 3 skills that you would like to develop to help you succeed in your future work.
- What are 3 actions you can take now to prepare for your future career?
- Identify and research 2 potential jobs/careers you would like to explore. Include the education or training required, key responsibilities of the job, other requirements.

Sample discussion prompts

Below you will find some sample prompts to initiate discussion and encourage reflection. Use the questions to support and guide your students in their exploration.

1. What transferable skills did you learn about in the career centre?
2. How can transferable skills be utilized in the career paths you explored?
3. What are some pathways you would like to pursue or learn more about after visiting the Career Exploration Centre?
4. Having viewed any career spotlights or video testimonials, what role does mentorship play in career exploration?
5. Who can you look to as a mentor?
6. What things can you be doing today to help prepare for your own career?

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