



Workshop 6 Career Panel - What do you do?

Student Summary

This workshop will seek to provide you with the following:

- A broad overview of a variety of careers by individuals in the respective fields; job descriptions, likes/dislikes about their job, educational and financial requirements, perspectives on future career trends.
- Five-minute presentations by each individual; 10 fields represented ranging from traditional fields requiring university training to trades fields requiring apprenticeships and/or college-level education.
- General Q&A.
- Small-group break-out areas for discussion.

At the end of this workshop you will take with you:

1. Student handout outlining key characteristics of the 5 fields represented in the Career Panel (e.g. academic requirements and post-secondary training (if any), duration, future job demand, approximate salary ranges, lifestyle characteristics).



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Introduction

This workshop will provide you with information about a variety of careers and industry sectors directly from people who are involved in those sectors.

If you are in this workshop, you:

- are new to the career planning process
- have had little or no exposure to career planning in school
- are not sure of what you want to pursue as a career
- have some idea of the general sector you're interested in but have not yet narrowed that down

This workshop will provide you with:

- information on career trends
- exposure to a wide range of possible careers
- information and experiences from individuals working in the specific fields you are interested in

Setting the Context

While this is not a true workshop, more a career forum and presentation we have provided some resources for you to take home. It is important that you understand this is a place to start. Talking to people in your fields of interest is important for you in your career path. Knowing the reality of a field and how that will apply to your needs, vision, wants and goals is very important. Remember take advantage of your relationships, get introduced, make allies and do your research.

Resources Provided

HO1 – Career Growth Sectors

This handout provides information on five top growth industries and highlights specific occupations within those industries, along with educational and skill requirements, average salaries and resources for further info.

HO2 – Essential Skills

This handout explains what essential skills are and why they are significant no matter which industry you are interested in pursuing.

HO3 – What Employers Want

This handout outlines the skills most sought by recruiters in small- and medium-sized businesses based on survey results.

HO4 – Student Questions



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This handout provides some sample questions you may ask the panelists, as well as space to jot down your own questions as the panelists make their presentations. You will have an opportunity to ask your questions at the end of all of the presentations. You may also wish to take notes on this sheet.

Panelists Presentation

Each panelist is given the opportunity to speak in turn about their career. Panelists may provide further resources or handouts.

Workshop Closing

Remember this is a start, getting to know some of the career fields that are growing. Don't be afraid to ask people who work in the fields you are interested in questions. We have provided you with some questions in this workshop and more in workshop 10 and 11. Talk to your friends, family and teachers to find people who may be able to give you some of the information you need to make the right choices.

Remember developing networks to explore your potential careers and support you along your path is key!