

This activity will help students examine their interests and find a related occupation and postsecondary program to explore at the Virtual Career Expo. Students will create a Career Expo portfolio to document their preparation and learning for the expo. Students will build upon their Career Expo portfolio by completing an activity at the Career Expo and reflecting upon the experience afterwards.

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LEARNING GOALS:

1. Students will investigate an occupation of interest and an associated postsecondary program
2. Students will explore how their personality and interests impact future career decisions
3. Students will create a digital career expo portfolio

MATERIALS:

- Computers, tablets, or mobile devices
- **Handout [A] - Preparing for a Career Expo**
- [Example Career Expo Portfolio](#)

GETTING STARTED:

Have students visit their district site and enter their email and password to log in.

- a. www.myBlueprint.ca/anglophoneeast
 - b. www.myBlueprint.ca/anglophonewest
 - c. www.myBlueprint.ca/anglophonenorth
 - d. www.myBlueprint.ca/anglophonesouth
- **Forgotten password?** Students can reset their passwords by clicking on the 'Forgot your password?' link.
 - **Forgotten email?** As a teacher/counsellor, you can reset your students' emails and passwords in your Student Manager or My Classes.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Introduce students to the **Pre-Career Expo** activity by discussing the following prompts as a group:
 - o Describe your top three interests. Think about what you enjoy doing on weekends and in your spare time.
 - o What motivates you? (Ex. Making money, helping others, etc.)
 - o Describe your personality (i.e., Are you outgoing? Do you like working independently or in groups?)
 - o Who knows what they would like to do when they finish high school?
 - Does it involve postsecondary education? If so, what pathway (college, university, apprenticeship) are you considering and why?
 - o Why is it important to think about future occupations and postsecondary education while still in high school?
2. Provide students with **Handout [A] – Preparing for a Career Expo** and have them use their myBlueprint student account to help them navigate through post-secondary opportunities and occupations.

Have your students try out the [Class Pass App](#) to document their learning at the Career Fair!

Download QR codes for your students by following the four easy steps below:

1. Log into your account
2. Click on the **name of the class** you wish to enter

3. Click the **QR Code icon** in the top right corner
4. Click **Print All**

Have your students download the *myBlueprint Class Pass* app and hand out the QR Codes prior to the Career Fair to have students upload evidence their learning directly to a portfolio.



HANDOUT [A] – PREPARING FOR A CAREER FAIR

[A] WHAT IS A CAREER EXPO?

A **Career Expo** is an event at which different schools and employers set up booths to provide attendees with information regarding what they do and what they have to offer. A Career Expo allows students the opportunity to become more informed about a particular program of study or jobs in a specific field, while expanding their professional network.

[B] WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL NETWORK?

A **Professional Network** is a group of people that are connected to one another to help meet professional goals and stay up-to-date on what is occurring in a particular industry. Having a professional network can help one learn about an occupation or industry, find a new job, learn about a potential employer, or receive advice/information.

It is important to continue to grow one's professional network and stay in touch with contacts. To grow your professional network, try connecting with friends and family and let them know your career goals; reach out to past and present teachers as well as classmates; investigate different professional associations in the industry that interests you; and stay connected to current/former coworkers.

[C] WHO AM I?

1. Select **Who Am I** on the left hand navigation menu and complete the **Learning Styles** survey by clicking the **Start Survey** button. Note: If you have previously completed the survey, click the **circular arrow** to retake the survey.
2. Once you've completed the survey, click **View Report** and examine your results.
3. Click **Home** and then **Portfolios** from the left hand navigation menu. Then click **+Add Portfolio** and give it the title *Career Expo*.
4. Give your **Career Expo portfolio** an avatar by clicking the image box to the left of the portfolio title.
5. Add your **Learning Style** survey results to your portfolio by clicking **+Add Box > Add from myBlueprint > Who Am I >** select your learning survey results.
6. At the bottom of the Learning Styles survey box, click **Add Reflection** and reflect on your results by responding to the prompts below:
 - a. What is your learning style? What study tips were recommended to you?
 - b. How will knowing your learning style help you academically and/or personally?
7. Next, complete the **Personality** survey by clicking **Who Am I** from the left hand navigation menu, then **Start Survey** (or the **circular arrow** if previously completed). Click **View Report** to examine your results upon completion.
8. Click **Home** and then **Portfolios** from the left hand navigation menu. Select your **Career Expo portfolio**
9. Add your **Personality** survey results to your portfolio by clicking **+Add Box > Add from myBlueprint > Who Am I >** select your personality survey results.
10. At the bottom of the Personality survey box, click **Add Reflection** and reflect on your results by responding to the prompt below:

- a. Explain your personality type including some of the characteristics listed in your report.
11. Complete the **Interests** survey by clicking **Who Am I** from the left hand navigation menu, then **Start Survey** (or the **circular arrow** if previously completed). Click **View Report** to examine your results.
12. Click **Home** and then **Portfolios** from the left hand navigation menu. Click your **Career Expo portfolio** then **+Add Box > Add from myBlueprint > Who Am I >** select your interests survey results.
13. Click **Add Reflection** at the bottom of the Interests survey box and reflect on your results by responding to the prompt below:
 - a. What are your primary and secondary interest traits?
 - b. What are some occupations/careers that you are considering? How do they relate to your interests and personality?

[D] OCCUPATION EXPLORATION

1. Click **Who Am I** on the left hand navigation menu and select the **Match Results** tab to review a list of **Occupations** that may appeal to you. You can **filter** the list of results by *Education Level* or *Career Cluster* if desired. To learn more about an occupation, click on the occupation title.
2. Find an occupation that interests you. Click the **heart** to add it to your favourites, then click on the occupation title to read through each of the tabs. Make note of the following:
 - a. Education (secondary school, on-the-job training, college/apprenticeship, university)

 - b. At least one potential post-secondary program related to the occupation. Favourite at least one program by clicking the **heart** on the program page

3. Add the occupation to your **Career Expo portfolio** by clicking **Home** and then **Portfolios** from the left hand navigation menu. Click **Career Expo portfolio** and then click **+Add Box > Add from myBlueprint > Favourites >** select the occupation and program you chose
4. Click **Add Reflection** at the bottom of the occupation box and reflect on your learning by responding to the prompts below:
 - a. How do your survey results relate to the occupation you chose (i.e., Why do you think you are well suited for this occupation)?
 - b. What postsecondary education do you need for this occupation?
5. Click **Add Reflection** at the bottom of the post-secondary program box and reflect on your learning by responding to the prompts below:
 - a. How long is the post-secondary program you chose?

- b. What credentials are you awarded upon completion of the program?
- c. What are the high school requirements you need to be eligible for the program?

[E] REFLECT

1. Click **Home** and then **Portfolios** from the left hand side navigation menu. Choose your **Career Expo portfolio**.
2. Click **+ Add Box > Add Journal** and title your journal entry *Career Expo Exploration*. In the Description box, answer three of the following questions:
 - a. What is a career expo? What is its purpose?
 - b. Why is a Professional Network important for your future career?
 - c. What do you plan on doing at the career expo to help you learn more about a particular occupation or related post-secondary training?
For example, visiting a booth related to a profession in health sciences if the occupation you chose was related to this field (ex. Doctor)
 - d. If you had the opportunity to meet occupation title you chose at the career fair, what three questions regarding their occupation or postsecondary journey would you ask them?