Worksheet 6: Comparing Careers

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Log in to Career Cruising and click on **Careers**. Use the **Keyword Search** to find two occupations that interest you but that you may not know much about. Write the names of the careers in the spaces provided at the top of every worksheet in this activity.

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If you had to pick one of these careers based only on what you think you know about them right now, which would you choose and why?

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1. Click on Job Description in each career profile. Answer the following questions:

What do people in these careers do? (Describe at least three typical work tasks for each career.)

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If you had to pick one of these careers based only on the tasks that you would perform, which would you choose and why?

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2. Click on Working Conditions in each career profile. Answer the following questions:

What are the working conditions like for people in these careers? *(e.g., typical hours, location, frequent travel, etc.)*

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If you had to pick one of these careers based only on the working conditions that you described, which would you choose and why?

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3. Click on Earnings in each career profile. Answer the following questions:

How much do people in each career typically earn on a yearly basis? (If annual salary figures aren’t available, how much do they earn per hour or per contract?)

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What other kinds of compensation or benefits can people in each career receive? (*e.g., health and dental benefits, contributions to retirement savings plans, performance bonuses, etc.*)

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If you had to pick one of these careers based only on how much you could earn, which would you choose and why?

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4. Click on Education in each career profile. Answer the following questions:

What are the education and training requirements for people in each career? (*e.g., high school diploma, college diploma or university degree, apprenticeship, on-the-job training, additional licensing or certification, etc.*)

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Approximately how many years of training or education are required for people in each occupation?

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If you had to pick one of these careers based only on the amount of education and training you need, which would you choose and why?

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###### SUMMARY – YOUR VIEWS

**5. Now that you have evaluated your interest in these two careers based on work tasks, working conditions, potential earnings, and education and training requirements, answer the following questions:**

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Did you change your mind about the career you chose at the beginning of the activity as different types of information became available to you? What new information caused you to change your mind and why?

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Which of the criteria that you used to compare your career choices is most important to you and which is the least important? Rank them in order from **1 (the most important)** to **4** **(the least important)** and explain why you have ranked them that way:

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What other factors may influence your career decision? (*e.g., parents, favourite school subject, job outlook, etc.*) Do you consider any of them to be more important than the ones you ranked above? Why?

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