

INVESTIGATING CAREER CLUSTERS



Public Service

What Is the Public Service Cluster?

Occupations in this cluster involve supplying services, many of which are supported by tax money, to the public. Jobs center around such areas as city and town services, protective services, the armed services, postal services, public utilities, educational and social services.

Skills Needed

interpersonal skills, strong oral and written communication skills, physical stamina, creative skills, judgment skills, math skills, mechanical skills

THE FACTS	Types of Careers in This Cluster	Work Description	Career Outlook	Education
	Detective	Gather facts and collect evidence for criminal cases; participate in arrests	Faster than average	High-school diploma, On-the-job training
	Water treatment plant operator	Regulate the motors, pumps, and valves that purify drinking water	Good	Voc-Tech diploma, On-the-job training
	School teacher	Prepare lessons, grade papers, attend meetings, serve on committees, supervise school activities	Faster than average	Bachelor's degree, teacher training program
	School counselor	Help people handle personal, social, educational, and career problems	Faster than average	Master's degree
	Social worker	Help people whose lives are affected by poverty, alcoholism, drug abuse, behavior problems, or illness.	Faster than average	Bachelor's degree and/or Master's degree
	Power distributor	Control the flow of electricity throughout an area	Slower than average	High-school diploma, On-the-job training

ACTIVITY

Your goal: Prepare and teach a lesson on “Careers in Public Service.”

What to think about: You see teachers every day. Have you ever thought about how they plan their daily lessons?

What to do: One of the jobs in this cluster is that of teacher. You are going to be a teacher for the day. Prepare a lesson plan to present to your class. The subject of your lesson is “Careers in Public Service.” You may do a lesson on the whole cluster or just one career.

How would you teach your class in the most interesting way possible? Follow the three steps below:

1. *Motivation:* Prepare the students for your lesson by telling them why they might want to learn about your topic.
2. *Presentation:* Present the material to the class. Get students involved in learning about your topic.
3. *Summary:* Summarize the information and test the knowledge of the students.

Write out your three-step lesson on a separate sheet of paper.

CRITICAL THINKING

1. What do you think of the jobs in this cluster? Do you think you might like to work in one of them? If so, which one?

2. How do the people who work in this cluster help you, your family, and your community? Explain in one paragraph.
