

Explore Career Clusters That Match Career Interest(s)

What are Career Clusters?

Career Clusters are groupings of occupations and broad industries that link what students learn in school with the knowledge and skills they will need for success. Career Clusters are a guide for creating your personal plan for obtaining the necessary knowledge, competencies, and training for success in a particular career pathway or occupation (Source: onetonline.org).

Career Clusters Used as Pathways to Success ...

Career Clusters help you channel your interests and skills and envision how they might fit into different career paths. An occupation is a series of jobs and a career is the *lifetime* of making good use of your skills, knowledge and experiences. Your career will constantly be evolving, and you can expect to change jobs and career paths many times over the course of your lifetime. No matter where you are, Career Clusters provide a versatile blueprint for your career planning. Major does not necessarily define career. It is important to identify which skills you will need and what types of experiential opportunities to engage in beyond your classroom study.

1. WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB?

Dream Job (your first choice)

Dream Job (your second choice)

2. WHICH CLUSTER(S) INTEREST YOU? Did you feel most comfortable with??

3. SKILLS I ALREADY HAVE:

4. SKILLS I NEED TO ACQUIRE:

CAREER CLUSTERS MODEL

Arts, Communications (Media), and Entertainment

Career Cluster

Individuals interested in Arts, Communications/Media, and Entertainment tends to be creative, unstructured, unconventional, and imaginative thinkers who value originality. They may possess musical, artistic, and literary skills. These individuals also enjoy innovative and open experiences over organized and structured activities.

Sample Occupational Paths: Broadcasting, Journalism, Marketing, Public Relations

Business, Financial Services, and Logistics

Career Cluster

Individuals interested in Business, Financial Services, and Logistics generally enjoy interacting with people in a manner that involves leadership, persuasion, and management. They tend to be comfortable with their decision-making skills and are ambitious, organized, competitive, self-confident, and possess an entrepreneurial spirit.

Sample Occupational Paths: Accounting, Finance, Management, Operations, Sales, Supply Chain Management

Education and Public & Human Services

Career Cluster

Individuals interested in Education and Public & Human Services enjoy interacting with people. They like helping others, doing volunteer work, and contributing to the good of society. These individuals tend to have strong interpersonal and communication skills and are empathetic, patient, and understanding.

Sample Occupational Paths: Education (All Levels), Social Services, Public Administration, Criminal Justice, Law

Health, Health Sciences, Environmental and Life Sciences

Career Cluster

Individuals interested in these areas care about promoting the physical well-being of others and/or protecting the environment. They tend to be curious, logical, persistent, and possess physical dexterity. They are often analytical and interested in the study of the sciences. They seek to use their skills to contribute to a greater good which is central to these individuals.

Sample Occupational Paths: Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals, Scientific Research, "Green" Careers

Technology, Computer Science, Information Systems (Math)

Career Cluster






Individuals interested in Technology (and Mathematics) often prefer to work independently. They usually like to work with data and things rather than people. They enjoy solving problems, thinking about and analyzing ideas, and often have strong abilities in applied math and physical sciences.

Sample Occupational Paths: Software Development, Computer Programming, Actuarial Science, Engineering, Management Information Systems

Your Career Wellness Checklist

Start your education and career journey off on a positive and proactive note. Get engaged with the Rutgers-Newark Career Development Center by following checklist below:

- Visit the Career Development Center website: <http://cdc.newark.rutgers.edu>

- Like us on , follow us on  and check us out on 
- Activate your **RaiderNet** account by logging-in and completing your profile
- Request your first appointment with a Career Counselor through your **RaiderNet** account
- Learn about your vocational interests by using our online career guidance tools - FOCUS 2 MBTI SCC
- Research occupational paths paying careful attention to the skills-sets and personality traits that employers say are essential for successful candidates. Use our  on-line tool.
- See what is out there by exploring internships and careers on RaiderNet and other CDC on-line resources
- Get your resume approved to apply for jobs and internships (No resume? We can help!)
- Start honing your interviewing skills with  **interviewstream** interview preparation software
- Is Graduate or Professional School essential to your career plan? Talk with your Career Counselor about effective preparation and admissions information and attend the Graduate and Professional School Fair
- Attend CDC Career Fairs to learn more about various fields as well as internship and career opportunities (First Career Fair: September 28!)
- Check "Events" on **RaiderNet** and watch for email announcements of Workshops and special events
- Join campus clubs /organizations to develop leadership, organizational and interpersonal skills
- Review your progress* by requesting follow-up appointments with your Career Counselor or using the Walk-In Periods

- MAKE YOUR OVERALL COLLEGE EXPERIENCE YOUR #1 PRIORITY**



Your Career Development Center 411

How You Can Contact Us

Two Locations: Hill Hall 112 (near the elevator) and 313 (top of ramp to the right)
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Our Business Hours

Summer 2016 (until August 22)		Fall 2016	
Monday through Friday	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Monday & Friday	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<i>*Open until 6:00 p.m. on Wed., 7/27, 8/3, and 8/17*</i>		Tuesday through Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	Closed	Saturday & Sunday	Closed

Walk-In Periods

Need your one page resume reviewed? Have a quick question? Stop by a CDC Walk-In Period and meet briefly (10-15 minutes) with a counselor -no appointment needed. Watch for “Resume Blitzes” before each Career Fair!

Fall 2016
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

How to Request a Career Counseling Appointment ...

All Career Development Center counseling appointments are scheduled through **RaiderNet**.

1. Log into RaiderNet (link at <http://cdc.newark.rutgers.edu>). If this is your first time, you will need to complete your profile first
2. On your homepage, under “Career Tools and Counseling,” click “Request a CDC Counseling Appointment”
3. Follow the instructions to select a day and time that is convenient for you
4. You will receive an email confirming your appointment is scheduled

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