

# Career Tournament Activity

## Overview

Explore 8 careers over 3 exciting rounds, culminating in a "Championship Game" where you'll decide which career is your ultimate winner! In each round, you'll compare 2 careers using insights from Pathful's [Career Profiles](#), choosing the victor to advance to the next round until only one career remains. Will it be your future dream job?

## Instructions

- 1 Complete the [Career Cluster Interest Assessment](#) to explore potential career options. You can also take other assessments, such as Work Values, Personality or Skills, or combine them all, for a more comprehensive understanding of where to begin your career exploration.
- 2 From your assessment results page, click your top 4 results and browse careers that interest you. Identify 8 Career Profiles that you want to learn more about.
- 3 Seed the 8 Career Profiles onto your Career Tournament bracket. They can be placed at random or paired based on their alignment with your assessment results.
- 4 Start exploring! For each Career Profile, **(a)** watch the Virtual Job Shadow video and Q&A videos; **(b)** read the sections titled What they do, Education, Earnings, Tasks and Career Outlook; **(c)** complete the Career Journal to rate your interest from 1 to 10, write a summary of what you learned, and share at least 1 pro and 1 con. If you like the career, favorite it with the heart.
- 5 Once both Career Journals are done in a round, select which Career Profile you like best and move on to the next round. Repeat until you have your champion!
- 6 Present your bracket to the group and talk about why your champion Career Profile won over all the others.

## Time

About 2 hours, over 2 to 3 class periods

## Grades

9 to 12

## Best For

Career Exploration units, advisory or any time students are narrowing their interests

## What Students Will Do

Students narrow their career interests with a bracket. They take the [Career Cluster Interest Assessment](#), choose 8 [Career Profiles](#), compare them head to head over three rounds and present their champion.

## Before You Start

- Print pages 1 and 2 for each student. The educator page is for you only.
- Make sure students can log in to Pathful and take the Career Cluster Interest Assessment. The Career Journal and the favorite (heart) button are on each Career Profile page.
- Plan the sessions below. Students keep their bracket between sessions.

## How to Run It

1. (Session 1, 35 to 40 min) Read the overview. Students take the Career Cluster Interest Assessment, open their results, choose 8 Career Profiles from their top results and write them on the bracket in random order or paired by results.
2. (Session 2, 45 to 55 min) Round 1: four matchups. For each career, students watch the Virtual Job Shadow and Q&A videos, read What they do, Education, Earnings, Tasks and Career Outlook, and complete the Career Journal with an interest rating from 1 to 10, a short summary and at least 1 pro and 1 con. Students pick a winner in each matchup.
3. (Session 3, 30 to 35 min) Semifinals and the championship with the four remaining careers, using the same steps.
4. (Session 3, 15 to 20 min) Students present their champion in small groups or to the class and explain why it beat the others.

## Discussion Prompts

- Was your winner the one you expected? What changed your mind?
- Which con mattered most when you chose between two careers?
- What would you want to learn next about your champion?

## Support and Extend

- Short on time? Cut the bracket to 4 careers and 2 rounds, about 60 minutes total.
- Support: let students pick Round 1 winners using only the interest rating, then read more on the finalists.
- Extend: students add their champion to their [Career Plan](#) and write one next step.

# Career Tournament Bracket



My champion is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

One thing I'll do to learn more: \_\_\_\_\_

What I learned about myself while exploring:

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