

# Discover Learning Pathways



Recommended  
7th Grade



Length  
75 Minutes

## About This Lesson

Students explore pathways that lead to preferred destinations by reviewing their high school course plan, investigating postsecondary pathway options, and evaluating the learning pathways to 3 careers of interest.

## Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- understand their secondary school requirements
- investigate their postsecondary pathway options (university, college, apprenticeship, straight to work, military, and community living)
- explore the postsecondary pathways to various careers
- evaluate the pathways they could take to a career that interests them

## Driving Question

Which learning pathway may lead me to my future success?

## Future-Ready Skills

Research Skills

Evaluating

Pathway Planning

## Lesson Breakdown

15  
Minutes

### Activity 1 - Secondary School Pathways

Provide your students with a list of High School options or their secondary school diploma options and have students answer the following questions: what are my options after middle school? Will a specialized high school diploma better support me in my future pursuits? Explain why or why not.

35  
Minutes

### Activity 2 - Xello Lesson: Discover Learning Pathways

In this activity, students will investigate postsecondary pathway options and explore the postsecondary pathways to various careers.

25  
Minutes

### Activity 3 - Preferred Pathway

In this activity, students will identify what they like and dislike about the learning pathways to three saved careers and evaluate their likelihood of pursuing the required training.

## Xello Entry Point

Students will need to make sure they have saved three careers before starting this lesson. It's also recommended that students complete the **Matchmaker** assessment (phase 1) and **Explore Career Matches** lesson.

## Vocabulary

- University
- College
- Apprenticeship
- Straight to work
- Military
- Community living
- Technical School
- Career Path
- Job Responsibilities
- Job Requirements

## Activity 3 - Preferred Pathway



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20 Minutes

### Inquiry Prompts

- What education or training is required for careers that interest me?
- What do I like and dislike about the learning pathway for careers that interest me?

### Teaching Strategies

In this activity, students will identify what they like and dislike about the learning pathways to three saved careers and evaluate their likelihood of pursuing the required training.

- 1 Provide the [instructions](#) on the next page to your students.

### Materials Required

- [Student Instructions](#)
- Computers or tablets with internet access

### Artifacts

Students will identify at least three likes and three dislikes about the education and training required for three saved careers, and then evaluate **Important Factors: Education**.

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## Preferred Pathway

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### Student Instructions

Complete the following for three saved careers:

- 1 Review the **Sample Career Path** section of the career profile. What requirements or responsibilities do you like or dislike?
- 2 At the top of the profile, choose an emoji to indicate how you feel about this career.
- 3 Within **Likes and Dislikes** add at least one like and one dislike in regards to the career path requirements and responsibilities.
- 4 Under the section titled **Education**, within **Important Factors**, on a scale of 1-5, evaluate the likelihood you'd want to complete the required education or training, 5 being very likely.