

5th Grade Career Development
Activity #10: Human Services Careers
Estimated time: 30-45 minutes

National Career Development Guidelines Indicators

ED1 - Attain educational achievement and performance levels needed to reach your personal and career goals

- ED1.K7 - Recognize that your educational achievement and performance can lead to many workplace options
- ED1.K8 - Recognize that the ability to acquire and use information contributes to educational achievement and performance

ED2 - Participate in ongoing, lifelong learning experiences to enhance your ability to function effectively in a diverse and changing economy

- ED2.K3 - Recognize the importance of being an independent learner and taking responsibility for your learning

CM3 - Use accurate, current, and unbiased career information during career planning and management

- CM3.K2 - Recognize that career information includes occupational, education and training, employment, and economic information and that there is a range of career information resources available
- CM3.K4 - Identify several ways to classify occupations

CM4 - Master academic, occupational, and general employability skills in order to obtain, create, maintain, and/or advance your employment

- CM4.K4 - Recognize that many skills are transferable from one occupation to another

Goal:

Students will investigate careers in the **Human Services** Career Cluster.

Objectives:

- Understand that a career cluster is a grouping of occupations based on commonalities
- Recognize that the **Human Services** Career Cluster includes jobs that relate to families and human needs and education
- Investigate careers in the **Human Services** Career Cluster.

Materials:

- 5th Grade Career Development Activity # 10 – **Human Services Careers: Career List** handout #1
- 5th Grade Career Development Activity #10 – **Human Services Careers: Word Scramble** handout #2
- 5th Grade Career Development Activity #10 – **Human Services Careers: Word Scramble** answer sheet
- Writing materials

Activity:

1. “Today we’re going to learn about occupations in the **Human Services** Career Cluster. Does everyone remember what a Career Cluster is? **A career cluster is a grouping of occupations based on things they have in common.**”
2. “The **Human Services** Career Cluster includes jobs that relate to families and human needs.” *Write this on the board.* “Let’s have a look at some jobs that relate to families and personal care services.”
3. *Distribute the **Human Services Careers: Career List** handout #1 to students. Go over each of the jobs on the list with students. Ensure that they understand the terms used and the concepts. Use examples from their own experiences. Allow time for students to discuss each of the jobs.*
4. *Once students have completed the discussion, say, “Now that we’ve talked about family and community service workers, let’s have a little fun with this word scramble.”*
5. *Distribute the **Human Services Careers: Word Scramble** handout #2. Explain the directions; ensure students understand the directions. Walk around the room to answer questions and offer any help needed. Allow enough time for all students to complete the assignment.*
6. *Once students have completed the handout, go over the answers. Then have them pair up and discuss which job they find most interesting. Have partners present their favorite to the class.*
7. *Collect their handouts.*

Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on their participation and on their handouts.

Handout #1

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Funeral Attendants perform variety of tasks during funeral, such as placing casket in parlor or chapel prior to service; arranging floral offerings or lights around casket; directing or escorting mourners; closing casket; and issuing and storing funeral equipment.

Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers operate or tend washing or dry-cleaning machines to wash or dry-clean industrial or household articles, such as cloth garments, suede, leather, furs, blankets, draperies, linens, rugs, and carpets.

Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors instruct or coach groups or individuals in exercise activities. They demonstrate techniques and form, observe participants, and explain to them corrective measures necessary to improve their skills.

Marriage and Family Therapists diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders, within the context of marriage and family systems.

Rehabilitation Counselors work with individuals to maximize the independence and employability of persons coping with personal, social, and employment difficulties that result from birth defects, illness, disease, accidents, or the stress of daily life.

Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists provide beauty services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating the scalp. They may apply makeup, dress wigs, perform hair removal, and provide nail and skin care services.

Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors counsel and advise individuals with alcohol, tobacco, drug, or other problems, such as gambling and eating disorders.

Childcare Workers attend to children at schools, businesses, private households, and child care institutions. They perform a variety of tasks, such as dressing, feeding, bathing, and overseeing play.

Personal and Home Care Aides assist the elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities with daily living activities at the person's home or in a care facility.

Handout #2

Human Services Careers: Word Scramble
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Directions: See how many words you can unscramble to find an occupation in the Human Services Career Cluster.

AIRIHINTABTLEO SCNUEOORL 1. _____

SREEAIRSDRH 2. _____

RAECDHICL KROREW 3. _____

LRNUFEA TNEAATNDT 4. _____

LIYFMA PAHIRTSET 5. _____

YDR ANERCLE 6. _____

TECAUSBNS EUASB ESOLOURNC 7. _____

IABESROC TTCINRRUSO 8. _____

MOEH RCAE DEAI 9. _____

Answer Sheet

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1. Rehabilitation Counselor
2. Hairdresser
3. Childcare Worker
4. Funeral Attendant
5. Family Therapist
6. Dry Cleaner
7. Substance Abuse Counselor
8. Aerobics Instructor
9. Home Care Aide