

## Role Play Career Exploration Assignment

By the end of this assignment, students should have the ability to:

- Identify a career pathway they are interested in pursuing.
- Understand the educational pathway and their corresponding occupations and wage potential.
- Understand how to utilize tools to learn more about specific industry jobs in our 7 - county region as well as where to search for them.

**Student Directions:** For this assignment, you will be paired with a classmate to complete the following role-playing scenario. You and your partner will take turns playing the part of career advisor and student.

Role-playing scenario: As of right now, you are a career advisor. Congratulations! You will meet with a student who is trying to decide what career they should pursue when they are finished with school.

**Part One (Role-Playing Exercise):** Meet with your assigned student to talk about their career goals. This initial meeting can take place in-person, or over the phone or during a virtual meeting. During this conversation, you'll want to ask the student to identify a Career Pathway that interests them. The Career Pathway options are listed at [EarnUp.org](http://EarnUp.org).

- Spend time together talking about the student's career goals, hopes and dreams. You might want to ask the student what they want to do after graduation. You might want to visit [EarnUp.org](http://EarnUp.org) together to review the Career Pathways listed on that website. Before you end your conversation, you'll want to be able to identify the Career Pathway and a potential career the student is interested in pursuing.

**Part Two (Individual Work):** After this initial meeting, you will spend time researching the student's Career Pathway so that you can develop written recommendations for the student. These recommendations will be turned in to your instructor for evaluation and shared with your student for review. Make sure to read through the Industry Resources, Spotlight on Success, and the other information associated with the Career Pathway.

**Part Three (Individual Work):** Submit your written recommendations. Your final task is to write up a recommendation report for your assigned student. Be sure to explain why you've chosen the recommendations you have (for example, is it because of their personality traits, abilities, academic record, etc.?).

**Your written report should include the following information:**

1. Name of the student and their selected Career Pathway. If the student wasn't able to identify a specific career, make a few recommendations based on what you know about the student's career goals, personality, abilities, etc.
2. What is the entry point for someone interested in this career pathway?
3. What types of degrees or certificates would help the student advance in their career? Name at least two colleges/universities in our area where the student could enroll in order to obtain required education for the career. For each college/university, please also list the name of the major or program of study related to the selected career.
4. What companies in our 7-county area hire people interested in this career pathway? Provide at least two recommendation for companies the student could contact during a job search.
5. Name at least one interesting fact or observation from the information listed on the Career Pathway website.
6. What steps should the student take at this point to help insure a successful future?

*Role Play Assignment Rubric:*

Criteria	Ratings			
	Exemplary	Meets Expectations	Developing	Beginning
Understanding of Career Pathway	Information from EarnUp.org is accurate and indicates a clear understanding of topic and the resources provided.	Information from EarnUp.org is accurate and indicates an understanding of the topic and the resources provided.	Information from EarnUp.org is accurate but does not display the level of detail necessary to successfully complete assignment.	Little to no evidence that the student used EarnUp.org to complete assignment.
Content of Written Recommendations	Student clearly addresses all aspects of written recommendations, showing thoughtful consideration of classmate's future career.	Student clearly addresses all aspects of written recommendations.	Student addresses most of the prompts from the written recommendation portion of the assignment.	Little to no effort, or information is off-topic.