

Think-Pair-Share Career 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.

Instructor Directions: *Think-Pair-Share is a collaborative learning strategy where students work together to learn a concept or explore a class topic. Students will need to be paired with a classmate or small group to complete the following assignment.*

Use the **Think-Pair-Share Template** to record your answers to this assignment.

Part One: Think (individual exercise)

Student Directions: *Go to [EarnUp.org](https://earnup.org) and look under Career Pathways. There, you'll find a library of reports on our region's targeted and support industries. After reviewing all of the pathways, select a Career Pathway you find interesting. Then, think about, and answer, the following questions:*

Part Two: Pair (small group discussion)

Meet with your assigned partner or small group to talk through your thoughts and ideas from Part One. Be prepared to share your responses with the whole class.

Part Three: Share (whole class discussion)

The instructor will expand "share" into a whole class discussion. Suggested discussion topics include:

- How does personality type or work style fit into the careers we've discussed today?
- Based on what we read and discovered on EarnUp.org, what skill do employers say people lack when applying for jobs?
- How do we prepare for a potential career? What next steps can we take as students?
 - Ex: Volunteer or job shadowing opportunities, educational pathways, etc.

Think-Pair-Share Template

Name: _____

Date: _____

Group Member(s) Name(s): _____

THINK	PAIR	SHARE
<p><i>Write your answers:</i></p> <p>Which Career Pathway interests you? Why?</p> <p>2. What is the entry point for someone interested in this career pathway?</p> <p>3. What types of degrees or certificates would help someone advance in their career?</p> <p>4. What companies in our 7-county area hire people interested in this career pathway?</p> <p>5. How would you envision the first five years in this career?</p>	<p><i>What my partner or small group thinks:</i></p>	<p><i>Common Themes or Ideas to Share with Whole Class:</i></p>

Think-Pair-Share 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 Think-Pair-Share Template	Student clearly addresses all aspects of written recommendations.	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.
Participation	Actively participates in both small and large group discussion, and contributes new ideas or themes to the discussion.	Actively participates in both small and large group discussion.	Sometimes participates in group discussions.	Little to no evidence of group participation.