



# Lesson 5 Career Exploration

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**Directions:** Click [worksheet](#) to print a copy of the worksheet in PDF format. Then fill in all the blank spaces for questions 1-3 on your worksheet. After you have completed questions 1-3, go on to [lesson 6](#), or go back to the [homepage](#).

1. **The Pay Off: Earnings By Education:** Please open the chart, [The Pay Off: Earnings By Education](#), and read through the information and answer the following questions in the space provided.

- a. What is the difference per year in earnings of a person with an Associate Degree and a person with a High School Diploma. \$
- b. What is the difference per year in earnings of a person with a Bachelor's degree and a person with a high school diploma? \$
- c. How much more can a person with a Bachelor's degree expect to make over a span of 40 years than a person with a high school diploma? \$

2. **Postsecondary Options after High School:** Listed below are your postsecondary options after high school. Please look through each of the options carefully.

- Post Secondary [University \(4+ years\)](#)
- Education: [Trade or Technical School \(1-2 years\)](#)  
[Job Corps](#)
- Work: [On the job training](#)  
[Apprenticeships](#)  
[Internships](#)
- Military Service: [Military Career Guide](#)

In the space provided below, please write in the postsecondary option that best fits your career goal.

3. **It's time to Explore Careers:** Use the links on the right under help to explore careers.

- a. Look back onto lesson 4, question 19 to find your Gross Hourly Wage and write it in the space provided on the right. Gross Hourly Wage  
\$
- b. Look back onto lesson 4, question 20 to find your Gross Yearly Wage and write it in the space provided on your right. Gross Yearly Wage  
\$
- c. In the space provided below, please write in 3 careers you are considering that would pay enough money to support your lifestyle choices.

Career # 1

Career # 2

Career # 3

**Help:** First you need to look back onto lesson 4, questions 19 & 20 to find out your Gross Hourly and Yearly Wages and write them in the space provided. Writing in this space is your reminder so when you look at careers, you will know how much money you need to make to support your lifestyle.

**Help-Career Search:** The following is a list of websites you can visit to find your career information. Ask your counselor for the Username and Password for the websites that require one. The others listed are free.

**The following websites require a Username and Password:**

- [RUReadyND.com](#)
- [Career Cruising](#)
- [Kuder](#)

**Additional Career Websites**

[Career Zone](#)  
[Career Voyages](#)  
[Get That Gig - Cool Careers](#)  
[Job Profiles.org](#)  
[Job Star Central](#)

[Major to Career Converter](#)  
[Martha Wiseman](#)  
[Online Career Videos](#)  
[States Career Clusters](#)  
[Work4Women](#)

**The following websites are free:**

[America's Career Infonet](#)  
[Career OneStop](#)  
[MPS Career Development](#)  
[MPS Career & Technical Education](#)  
[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)  
[Occupational Supply & Demand System](#)  
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