

Definitions

Companion to the Career Cluster Survey

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Accurate	Free from error or defect; consistent with a standard, rule, or model; precise; exact.
Acquire	To gain for oneself through one's actions or efforts.
Blueprints	Architectural and mechanical drawings.
Business Law	Laws that apply to business entities, such as partnerships and corporations.
Chemistry	The science that deals with the composition and properties of substances and various elementary forms of matter.
Compassionate	A feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.
Competitive	Having a strong desire to compete or to succeed.
Complex	Complicated or intricate.
Conscientious	Taking or showing extreme care about details; careful; particular.
Decisive	Having the quality or power of deciding.
Diagrams	A chart, plan or drawing that explains the parts.
Drafting	A drawing, sketch, or design.
Earth Sciences	Sciences such as geography, geology, or meteorology, that deal with the earth, its composition, or any of its changing aspects.
Economics	The science that deals with the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services, or the material welfare of humankind.
Efficient	Performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort.
Enthusiastic	Eagerness, devotion, excitement.
Family and Consumer Sciences	Academic discipline that combines aspects of social and natural science. Family and Consumer Sciences deals with the relationship between individuals, families, and communities, and the environment in which they live.
Innovative	The act of innovating; introduction of new things or methods.
Inquisitive	Asking questions; eager for knowledge; intellectually curious.
Intuitive	Knowing, or perceiving, by intuition; capable of knowing without deduction or reasoning.
Journalism	The occupation of reporting, writing, editing, photographing, or broadcasting news or of conducting any news organization as a business.
Language Arts	The subjects, including reading, spelling, and composition, aimed at developing reading and writing skills.
Life Sciences	Any of several branches of science, such as biology, medicine, anthropology, or ecology, that deal with living organisms and their organization, life processes, and relationships to each other and their environment.

Marketing	The activities of a company associated with buying and selling a product or service, including advertising, selling and delivering products to people.
Methodical	In regular, systematic order.
Non-Judgmental	Not judged or judging on the basis of one's personal standards or opinions.
Non-Materialistic	Not concerned with material things.
Objective	Not influenced by personal feelings, interpretations, or prejudice; based on facts; unbiased.
Observant	Quick to notice or perceive; alert.
Optimistic	To take a favorable view of events or conditions and to expect the most favorable outcome.
Persistent	Persisting, especially in spite of opposition, obstacles, discouragement, etc.
Persuasive	Convincing, compelling, forceful.
Physical Sciences	Any of several branches of science, such as physics, chemistry, and astronomy, that study the nature and properties of energy and nonliving matter.
Precise	Exact in measuring, recording, etc.
Psychology	The science that deals with mental processes and behavior.
Realistic	Interested in, concerned with, or based on what is real or practical.
Self-Confident	Realistic confidence in one's own judgment, ability, power, etc.
Self-Reliant	Independent, relying on oneself or on one's own powers, resources, etc.
Service-Minded	An attitude or interest in providing a service of some sort to the general public.
Social Studies	A course of study including geography, history, government, and sociology, taught in secondary and elementary schools.
Sociology	The study of human social behavior, especially the study of the origins, organization, institutions, and development of human society.
Tactful	A keen sense of what to say or do to avoid giving offense; skill in dealing with difficult or delicate situations, what is appropriate.
Tenacious	Holding or tending to hold persistently to something, such as a point of view.
Visualizing	Forming a mental image.