

# Careers and Gender

## Subject

Health  
Technology  
Education  
Language Arts

## Concept

Research

## Grade Level

6 - 7

## National Career Guidelines

### Competency XI

Knowledge of different occupations and changing male/female roles

## Type of Activity

Individual with Whole Class Discussion

## Related Occupations

Occupational Therapist  
Career Counselor  
Job Coach

This activity is designed to show that many rewarding career choices can be made from areas traditionally thought suitable for one gender. Students will discuss traditional male and female career roles and question the reasons for maintaining such divisions.

## Materials/Supplies

"Career List" worksheet, resource materials for research, pen/pencil, paper, chalkboard, chalk

## Activity

- Distribute the "Career List" worksheet.

Ask the students to identify whether each is predominantly a male or female occupation.

Have the students select four of these occupations and determine the qualifications and physical requirements for each selection.

Discuss qualifications and physical requirements and question whether there is a good reason for these occupations being predominantly male or female.

List on the chalkboard some prospective employers of these occupations, and discuss whether these employers be apt to hire both male and female in each identified occupation.

Lead a discussion about why certain people may or may not be hired for their previously selected careers. Are the reasons valid? What steps can be taken to change stereotypical attitudes?

## Evaluation

Students will be evaluated on their completed worksheets and participation in class discussions.

# Career List

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Firefighter          | 21. Dentist             |
| Teacher                 | 22. Construction Worker |
| Model                   | 23. Mechanic            |
| 4. Bus Driver           | 24. Minister            |
| Sales Clerk             | 25. Actor/Actress       |
| 6. Police Officer       | 26. Secretary           |
| 7. Doctor               | 27. Governor            |
| 8. Musician             | 28. Veterinarian        |
| 9. News Reporter        | 29. Sanitation Worker   |
| 10. Lawyer              | 30. Nurse               |
| 11. Physical Therapist  | 31. Flight Attendant    |
| Farmer                  | 32. Writer              |
| Sports Player           | 33. Inventor            |
| 4. Engineer             | 34. Ranger              |
| Pilot                   | 35. Clown               |
| 16. Accountant          | 36. Architect           |
| 17. Banker              | 37. Cook                |
| 18. Barber              | 38. Cosmetologist       |
| 19. Computer Programmer | 39. Systems Analyst     |
| 20. Graphic Artist      | 40. Laser Technician    |

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