Do I Have What it Takes?

The student will understand and value the importance of not stereotyping job characteristics.

Grade Level
Elementary

Related Subject
Social Studies
Health

Concept
Self-Evaluation

Related Occupations
All occupations

Type of Activity
Individual/small groups

National Career Development Guidelines
Master academic, occupational, and general employability skills in order to obtain, create, maintain, and/or advance your employment. (CM 4)

Materials/Supplies
"Job Characteristics" worksheet, pen/pencil

Activity
• Distribute the “Job Characteristics” worksheets.

• Take each occupation individually and let students select the characteristics they think apply.

• Have students pick out characteristics necessary for all given occupations.

• Emphasize to the students that many occupations require common personality characteristics.

• Explain to the students that we stereotype men’s and women’s jobs. Look at the qualifications and see if the jobs would apply for either men or women.

• Form small groups and have students write a job description for a chosen occupation.

Evaluation
Students will have identified necessary job characteristics for male and female occupations and developed a job description for a specific career.

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Job Characteristics

Name_______________________________

A. Help people I. Have good work habits
B. Be able to read well J. Be able to talk to people
C. Be a good driver K. Be able to handle many situations
D. Be able to type well L. Know where things belong
E. Be able to do things quickly and well M. Work well with hands
F. Be able to understand people N. Like his/her work
G. Be able to run machinery O. Be able to work as a team member
H. Be able to make good decisions

Sample Occupations

Fire Fighter ___________________________________________________________
Police Officer _________________________________________________________
Mail Carrier ___________________________________________________________
Office Manager ________________________________________________________
Doctor _______________________________________________________________
Teacher _______________________________________________________________
Nurse ________________________________________________________________
Farmer ________________________________________________________________
Bus Driver ____________________________________________________________
Sales Clerk ____________________________________________________________
Machinist _____________________________________________________________
Receptionist ___________________________________________________________
Dentist _______________________________________________________________
Construction Worker ____________________________________________________
Day Care Worker _______________________________________________________
Chef _________________________________________________________________
Pharmacist ____________________________________________________________