

Fact SHEET

CareerZone

www.careerzone.ny.gov

What is CareerZone?

CareerZone (www.careerzone.ny.gov) is an Internet-based career exploration and planning system developed by the New York State Department of Labor. It offers direct access to in-depth career and education information for more than 800 occupations. Over one million youth in New York State access this system each year in the classroom and at home.

CareerZone lists occupations, with detailed information such as job descriptions, estimated wages and job outlook for that occupation. Users can search and explore the career database by career interests, by career clusters, or by wages and educational level.

More than 400 occupations have short video clips that demonstrate people on the job. This gives the youth a glimpse of the workplace and the daily tasks performed.

Who uses CareerZone?

Youth in grades 6-12 most often use CareerZone to start their career exploration journey. Beginning with the Interest, Work Values and Skill assessment tools they can explore potential careers. We offer a middle school and high school career portfolio to help youth create a meaningful plan for their future education and career choices. **Educators** use the lesson plan database in the Resource section to bring CareerZone into the classroom and provide relevant career development activities for students. The site ties more than 40 lesson plans to the 28 New York State Learning Standards. **Counselors** use CareerZone as an important component of a comprehensive school guidance program. CareerZone provides resources to help counselors stay up-to-date with the latest developments in the career exploration and management field. **Community organizations, colleges and public libraries** use CareerZone to introduce the principles of life-long learning and career development to job seekers. The Resource area provides tools for job seekers to use along the path of their career development journey.

What other services does CareerZone offer future job seekers?

Youth can use CareerZone to discover jobs that are in demand, the qualifications needed to succeed in a career, and even projected salary ranges. Nearly any career-related question can be answered by CareerZone, including links to college exploration, planning information and real job openings. CareerZone is linked directly to Job Central, a national job database. After selecting an occupation from the lists within CareerZone, users may access Job Central to view openings across New York State.

What does the online Portfolio component of CareerZone provide?

CareerZone Portfolio accounts are available at no cost to users. The account is a place to store results of work interests, skills, and values assessments. Youth can explore and save information about their jobs/colleges of interest. These interactive career portfolios serve as a basis for creating resumes, documenting career plans and helping make decisions for the future.

How recent is the information in CareerZone?

The CareerZone web site is updated annually with new wage data and occupational outlook information. Visit CareerZone today and check it out!

Questions/Comments

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