



Microcredentials Your Way

ACTIVITY GUIDE

Let's explore how the videos, lessons, and resources on "Microcredentials Your Way" can apply to your own life and career goals!

STUDENTS & CAREER EXPLORERS

Students & Career Explorers: Navigate to each corresponding section of the "Microcredentials Your Way" website (*highlighted in green*) and follow the directions below.

EDUCATORS

Use the "Discuss" prompts (*highlighted in blue*) to facilitate deeper discussions!



What Kinds of Careers Are Out There?

SECTION ONE – EXPLORE IN-DEMAND CAREERS

EXPLORE

Watch each video in this section until you find a career that stands out to you.

It can be a job you already know about, or one you've never heard of. Keep exploring until you find one that matches your interests!

DISCUSS

Break into small groups to talk about the careers selected.

Take turns sharing which career was chosen and why. How does this career align with each individual's interests and goals?

MY CAREER/JOB GOAL:

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THIS CAREER LOOKS LIKE:

SECTION TWO – HEAR STORIES FROM PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN IN YOUR SHOES

When you start thinking about your future, it can be overwhelming. That's why it's helpful to hear career stories and advice from others—and remember that even the most successful people were once in your shoes.

EXPLORE

Click on a person that you want to learn more about.

Read their profile, and brainstorm what your future road might look like in the spaces below.

MAJOR MILESTONES THAT I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH:

HURDLES/CHALLENGES I MIGHT ENCOUNTER ALONG THE WAY:

IF YOU COULD TALK TO *ANYONE* IN THE WORLD ABOUT OVERCOMING CHALLENGES, WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO TALK TO?

DISCUSS

Have everyone share who they'd want to talk to about overcoming challenges. You don't need to share personal challenges, if you don't want to—but talking through **people** who you view as inspirational or who could be a potential mentor can help you better understand your goals and the people who could support you along your pathway.



What Can Help Me Reach My Goals?

SECTION THREE – EXPLORE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU TAKE THE NEXT STEP

If you're looking for short-term programs or microcredentials that can get you the knowledge you need to be successful on your career path, there are many paths you can take to reach your career goals—and lots of resources that can help you get there.

EXPLORE

Check out the resources offered in your community to help you reach your goals.

**WHICH RESOURCE WOULD BE
MOST USEFUL TO YOU?**

**WHAT KINDS OF EDUCATION OR
TRAINING MIGHT YOU NEED TO
REACH YOUR CAREER GOAL?**

DISCUSS

Share which resource you reviewed and how it could help you reach your career goal. Talk through some different options for education and training. If you're aware of local schools or training programs that can help others reach their goals, share them! Getting specific—and helping others see local options—will help learners realistically imagine themselves taking that career path.



My Future Road

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Imagine that you're creating your own career story! Use your answers above to start imagining and planning what your future path might look like. Add in some advice that you might give to others with the same career goal to help them be successful.

MY INTERESTS

_____ & _____

MY CAREER GOAL

MY MILESTONES

MY CHALLENGES/HURDLES

MY EDUCATION/TRAINING

MY ADVICE TO OTHERS

ONE RESOURCE OR TOOL I RECOMMEND TO OTHERS ON THE SAME CAREER PATH
