

ACT[®] Profile^{beta}

Scavenger Hunt

Introduction

One of the easiest ways to help students familiarize themselves with ACT Profile is to have them explore the tool for themselves. The materials in the package include a scavenger hunt that allows students to understand resources, information, insights, and functionality in ACT Profile.

Through the scavenger hunt activity students will:

- Understand the Major Map
- Learn what majors match their interests
- Gain information about majors
- Practice searching for majors
- Understand the World of Work Map
- Learn what occupations match their interests, abilities, and values
- Gain information about careers and occupations
- Practice searching for careers and occupations

Getting Started

1. Register students with ACT Profile at www.actprofile.org
2. Ask students to connect to you and other students in the group
3. Have students complete all three inventories
4. Have students favorite five majors and five occupations
5. Ask students to find another student in the group who has favorited an occupation they have also favorited and post on their feed

What's Next?

Once students have completed the steps above, they are ready to begin the scavenger hunt! Print the 15-question scavenger hunt for students to complete. The activity should take 45 minutes to an hour to complete.

This packet also includes a scavenger hunt key with answers and tips for your reference.

Scavenger Hunt

Follow the clues below to answer the questions about college and career planning. The clues will ask you to explore majors, schools, occupations, and careers.

1. How many major groups populate the major map?
2. I'm interested in Natural Sciences but don't plan on getting a 4-year degree. What 2-year degrees are available to me?
3. I'm interested in Health Science and Services and plan on getting a 4-year degree. What degrees should I consider?
4. This major in the Communications group allows students to specialize in organizational communication, sports communication, and public relations/image management to name a few. What is this major?
5. Which major in the Community Services group allows students to learn to do the following?
 - Give professional support and advice to people who need it
 - Work on case studies and counsel individuals and groups
 - Help resolve problems between people, understand topics such as child welfare and family services, jail probation, employment services, and rights of the handicapped
 - Help others change bad social conditions and boost economic well-being
6. This major in the Computers and Math group offers associate, 4-year, and more than 4-year degrees. Typical college coursework for the major includes calculus, data communications, and business information systems. What is this major?

7. Favorite the major related to occupations such as:
 - Archivist/Curator
 - Antiques/Art Dealer
 - Hand Crafter

8. What small, 4-year college[s] in Missouri cost[s] \$30,000 or less for in-state students?

9. What schools in Iowa should a student with a 22 composite score on the ACT consider?

10. How many career areas populate the Career Map?

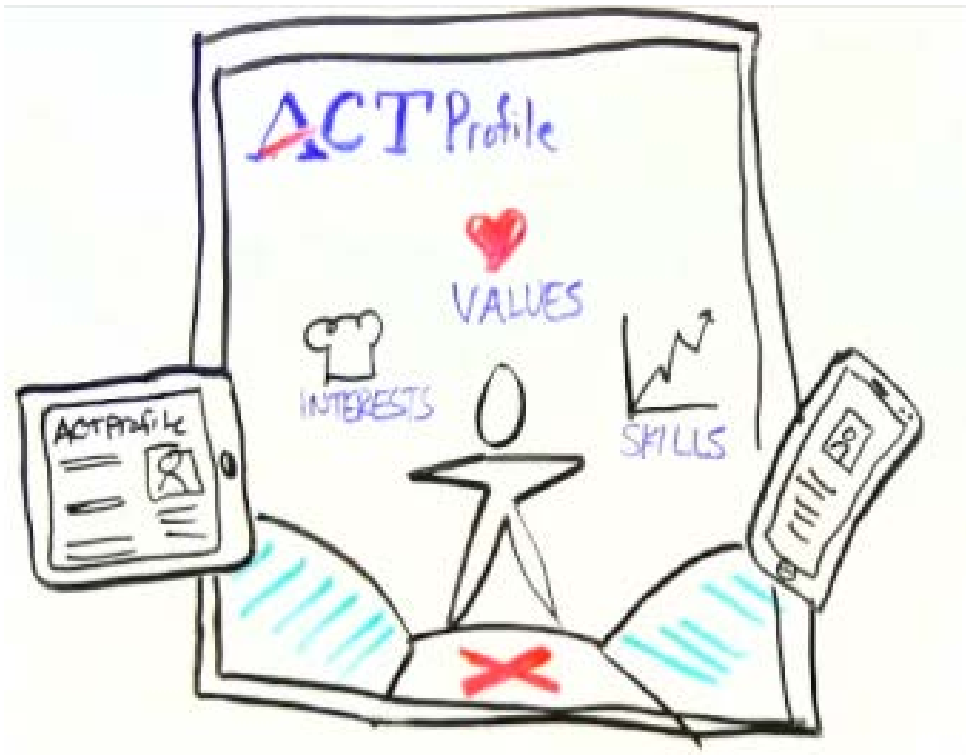
11. What career area includes occupations like Transportation Safety Officer, Security Guard, and Police Officer?

12. This occupation falls under the Computer and Information Specialties career area. Related majors include information science, comparative literature, and library science. What is this occupation?

13. What is the national starting annual salary for a dietitian/nutritionist?

14. What is the starting annual salary for a dietitian/nutritionist in Iowa?

15. What health care occupation is supported by four years of college, involves public contact, is rapidly growing, and has an annual salary range of \$58,500-\$76,000?



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Answer Key

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Follow the clues below to answer the questions about college and career planning. The clues will ask you to explore majors, schools, occupations, and careers.

1. How many major groups populate the major map? **13**

TIP: There are 13 boxes with majors plotted on the Major Map.

2. I'm interested in Natural Sciences but don't plan on getting a 4-year degree. What 2-year degrees are available to me? **Forestry, Biology, Physical Science**

TIP: Navigate to the Major Map and click on Natural Sciences to see 2-year degrees.

3. I'm interested in Health Science and Services and plan in getting a 4-year degree. What degrees should I consider? **Nutrition Science, Communication Disorders Services, Dental Hygiene, Medical Radiologic Technology, Medicine (Pre-medicine), Nursing (BS/RN), Pharmacy (Pre-pharmacy), Physical Therapy (Pre-physical therapy), and Veterinary Medicine (Pre-veterinarian)**

TIP: Navigate to the Major Map and click on Health Science and Services to see 4-year degrees.

4. This major in the Communications group allows students to specialize in organizational communication, sports communication, and public relations/image management to name a few. What is this major? **Public Relations and Organizational Communication**

TIP: Navigate to the Major Map and click on Communications. Explore degrees from there. Information around specialization is under the tab titled Details.

5. Which major in the Community Services group allows students to learn to do the following? **Social Work**

- Give professional support and advice to people who need it
- Work on case studies and counsel individuals and groups
- Help resolve problems between people, understand topics such as child welfare and family services, jail probation, employment services, and rights of the handicapped
- Help others change bad social conditions and boost economic well-being

TIP: Navigate to the Major Map and click on Community Service. Explore degrees from there. Information around what the student learns in under the tab titled Snapshot.

6. This major in the Computers and Math group offers associate, 4-year, and more than 4-year degrees. Typical college coursework for the major includes calculus, data communications, and business information systems. What is this major? **Information Science**

TIP: Navigate to the Major Map and click on Computers & Math. Explore degrees from there. Information around classes is under the tab titled Coursework.

7. Favorite the major related to occupations such as: **Fine and Studio Arts**

- Archivist/Curator
- Antiques/Art Dealer
- Hand Crafter

TIP: Navigate to the Major Map and click on Arts. Explore degrees from there. A list of related occupations can be found under the tab titled Details.

8. What small, 4-year college[s] in Iowa cost[s] \$30,000 or less for in-state students?

Allen College, Briar Cliff University, Clarke University, Emmaus Bible College, Iowa State University, Kaplan University-Cedar Falls Campus, Loras College, Morningside College, St. Luke's College, University of Dubuque, University of Iowa, and University of Northern Iowa

TIP: Navigate to the School Search under the Education tab. Select the following preferences:

- School types: 4-year college (no graduate) and 4-year college plus graduate
- Regions and state: Iowa

- Setting: City: Small
- Tuition and fees: 30k
- State of Residency: Iowa (remember that the tuition and fees bar must be set before selecting)

Then click “search.” Below you will see 12 schools that match that criteria.

9. What schools in Iowa should a student with a 22 composite score on the ACT consider?

Buena Vista University, Central College, Clarke University, Dordt College, Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary, Graceland University-Lamoni, Grand View University, Iowa State University, Iowa Wesleyan College, Loras College, Morningside College, Mount Mercy College, Northwestern College, Saint Ambrose University, Simpson College, St. Luke’s College, University of Dubuque, University of Northern Iowa, Upper Iowa University, Waldorf College, Wartburg College, and William Penn University

TIP: Navigate to the School Search under the Education tab. Select the following preferences (and clear all others):

- Regions and state: Iowa
- ACT Score: 24 max

Then click “search.” Below you will see 22 schools that match that criteria.

10. How many career areas populate the Career Map? 26

TIP: There are 26 circles (Career Areas) on the Career Map.

11. What career area includes occupations like Transportation Safety Officer, Security Guard, and Police Officer? Regulation and Protection

TIP: Career Area D on the Career Map is Regulation and Protection.

12. This occupation falls under the Computer and Information Specialties career area. Related majors include information science, comparative literature, and library science. What is this occupation?

Library Technician

TIP: Navigate to the Career Map and find Computer and Information Specialties (Career Area J). Explore the featured occupations. Information around related majors is found under the tab titled Training.

13. What is the national starting annual salary for a dietitian/nutritionist? **\$41,500**

TIP: Find the occupation (Career Area Q or search “diet” in career search) and navigate to the tab titled Salary & Outlook.

14. What is the starting annual salary for a dietitian/nutritionist in Iowa? **\$42,000**

TIP: Find the occupation (Career Area Q or search “diet” in career search) and navigate to the tab titled Salary & Outlook.

15. What health care occupation is supported by four years of college, involves public contact, is rapidly growing, and has an annual salary range of \$58,500-\$76,000? **Dental Hygienist**

TIP: Navigate to Career Area W, which is Health Care. Explore occupations. This information is found in the tab titled Snapshot.