


# OK Career Guide Career Interest Assessment

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**Grade Level** 8th – Undergraduate Grade

## Summary

The OK Career Guide is an online tool that helps you explore options for your future career and postsecondary education. A great way to start this exploration is by completing an assessment or survey—for this activity, the OK Career Guide provides an online career interest assessment that you can complete. This will help you think about your skills, personality, and interests to identify which career paths might be a good fit for you.

## Overview

Do you ever wonder what career you will have when you are an adult? There are so many careers to choose from that sometimes thinking about future jobs can feel overwhelming. One way to help you consider your options is to take a career survey. Career interest assessments help you explore your skills, personality, and interests to identify which career clusters (that is, groups of similar jobs) might be a good fit for you. While your interests will likely change over the years, career interest assessments are a great place to begin your exploration!

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Create an OK Career Guide account.
2. Determine your top five career pathways.
3. Explore one of your top career pathways further using the "Occupations Suggested by Assessment Results" section of the OK Career Guide.


What is a career cluster?
A career cluster is a group of similar jobs. If you like one job in a cluster, you will probably find other jobs in the same cluster you will also like. Your skills, personality, interests and values will help you determine which of the 16 different career clusters might be a good fit for you.
Agricultural Food and Natural Resources
Architecture and Construction
Arts, AV Technology, and Communications
Agricultural Business, Management, and Administration
Education and Training
Finance
Government and Public Administration
Health Science
Hospitality and Tourism
Human Services
Information Technology
Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
Manufacturing
Marketing, Sales, and Services
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

## Attachments

- OK Career Guide Interest Assessment—Student Guide - Spanish.docx
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## Materials

- Chromebook
- Headphones
- Wireless mice

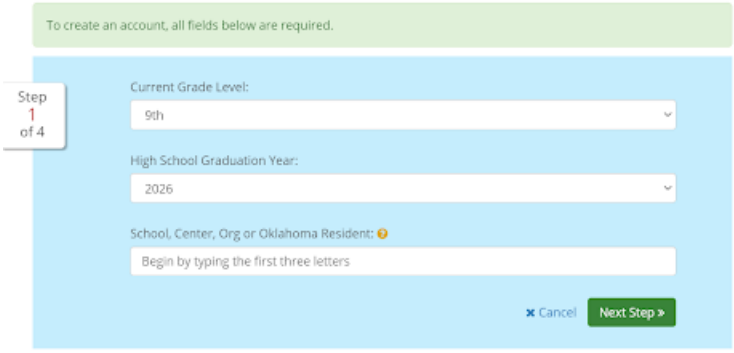
# What to Do

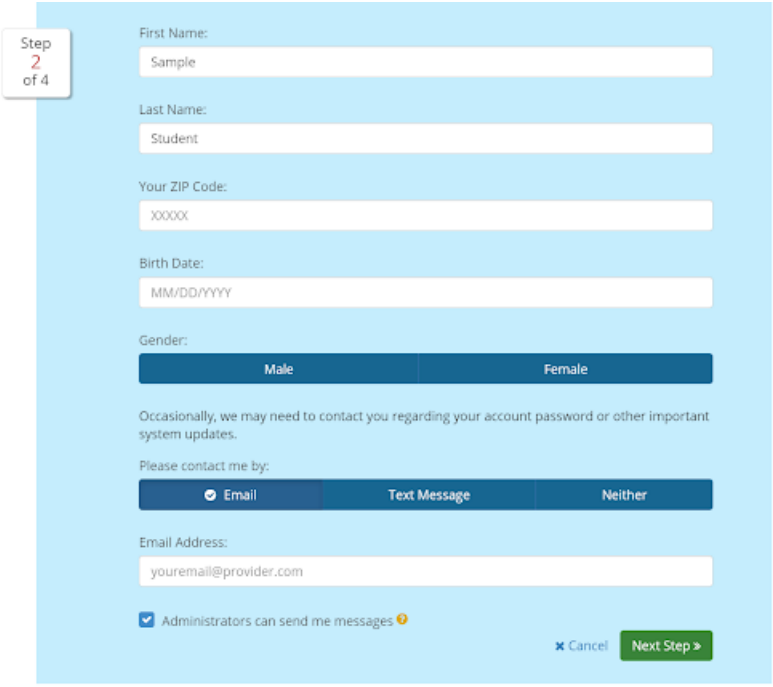
Note that you can use the attached **OK Career Guide Interest Assessment Student Guide** for the activities on this page. The Student Guide can be viewed on your computer or printed out.

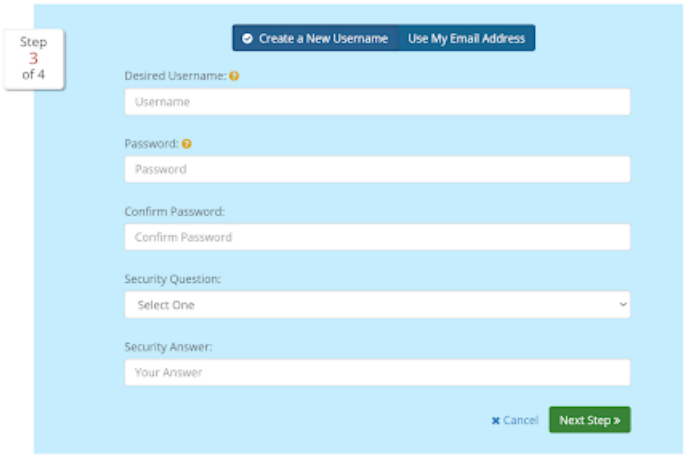
1. Begin with Activity #1 to create an account on OK Career Guide.
2. Move to Activity #2 to complete the Kuder Career Interests Assessment and learn about your possible career pathways.
3. Move to Activity #3, exploring occupations that interest you.
4. Move to the "Extend: I Used to Think, But Now I Know" activity in order to reflect on what you've learned about yourself and the career clusters you explored.

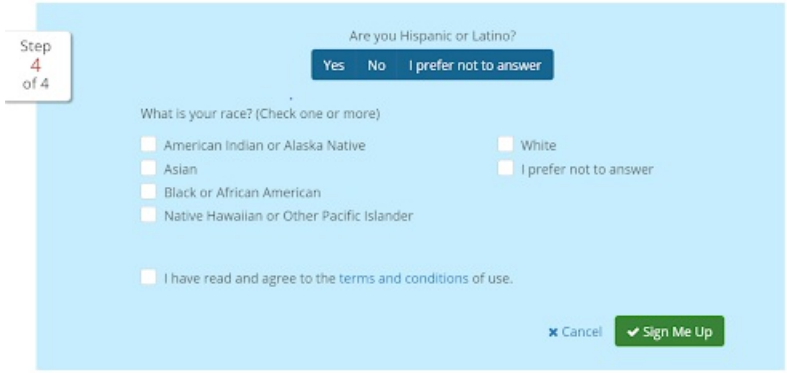
# Activity #1

1. Go to https://okcareerguide.kuder.com/.
2. Select "Create an Account."
3. In the "I am" field, select "a middle or high school student." Then, select "Next Steps."
4. On the next few pages, enter the required information (see the following pictures for details). You will be taken to the main page after creating your account.



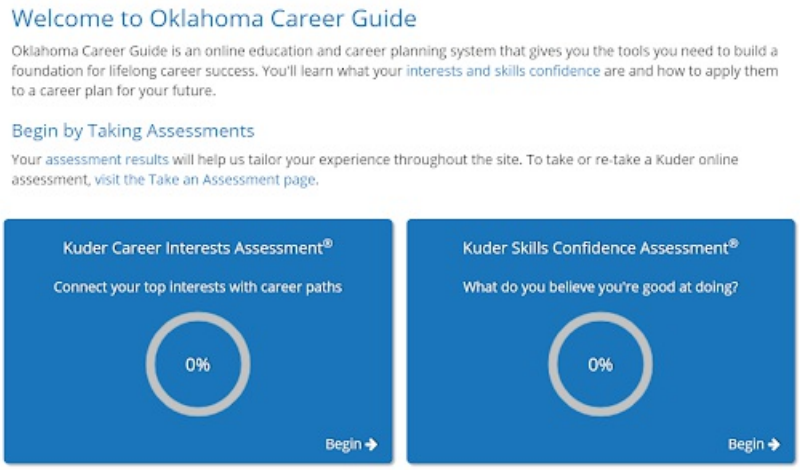




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Are you Hispanic or Latino?
Yes
No
I prefer not to answer
What is your race? (Check one or more)
American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
White
I prefer not to answer
I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of use.
Cancel
Sign Me Up

# Activity #2

Now that you have set up your OK Career Guide account, complete the **Kuder Career Interests Assessment** to find out your top career pathways. This exploration might lead you to notice careers you haven't heard about before or learn about careers you didn't think you would like. You may be surprised at what you learn about yourself and what you find during this activity! Follow the steps given to you on the OK Career Guide website during this activity.



# Activity #3

1. After completing the Career Interests Assessment, you will receive the five career pathways. Review the national cluster associated with each career pathway.
2. Go to the "Explore Occupations" tab, and select "Occupations Suggested by Assessment Results." Choose one of your top three to explore this career further.
3. Make sure to review the overview, tasks and conditions, interests, skills and work values, education and experience, salary and outlook, related occupations, and additional information tabs.

# Extend: I Used to Think, But Now I Know

Now that you have completed the career interest assessment, take a moment to reflect on what you've learned. With this in mind, complete the following "I Used to Think... But Now I Know" T-chart.

*I Used to Think*

1. Before taking the career interest assessment, what career cluster did you think you would fall under?
2. Did you have preconceived thoughts about certain career clusters that were wrong? If so, what were they?

*But Now I Know*

3. What information do you know now that you didn't before?
4. How has your thinking changed about the career clusters you focused on during this activity?

| I Used to Think | But Now I Know |
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