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# CAREERZONE

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## WHAT IS CAREERZONE?

CareerZone (**careerzone.labor.ny.gov**) is a free-to-the-user, virtual career exploration and planning system for young New Yorkers. With a secure account, a career can be planned based on interests, values, and goals.

CareerZone contains career videos for more than 900 jobs and information about employment outlooks, wages, job skills and much more for each.

Check out the CareerZone Overview video for details: **youtu.be/9_3Pl7PxI5k**

## WHAT FEATURES DOES CAREERZONE OFFER?

- Dollars and $ense budgeting tool: Creates a budget based on lifestyle choices and salaries for occupations of interest
- Real-time job listings: Finds current job openings and sets up automatic email delivery for new job postings
- Career assessments: Takes short, simple, and evidence-based surveys about interests, work values, and environments
- Occupational profiles: Shows about 900 occupations, with career videos and direct information from businesses on available jobs, required skills, duties, and salaries
- Advanced career pathways search: Explores careers in different career pathways, clusters, disciplines, and shows next steps needed for certain jobs/careers
- Career plan document: Integrates completed career exploration activities and creates a printable summary for initial requirements
- Resume Builder: Develops and compiles multiple resumes using skills needed by employers for a specific occupation

## WHO USES CAREERZONE?

### Young New Yorkers

Beginning with the Interest and Work Values tools, potential careers and educational opportunities matching personality and preferences can be explored.

CareerZone age-appropriate portfolios help to make informed choices about education, skills and goals and to create a suitable career plan.

### Guardians

CareerZone helps to support youth in their career journey with assessment results and reliable occupational information.

### Facilitators/Educators/Youth Professionals

Guidance counselors, guardians, and case managers with secondary schools, community organizations, colleges, and public libraries consistently use CareerZone with youth, as young as middle school to plan for their future.

Facilitators will find Instructional Tools and resources to stay current with in-demand occupations/developments in career planning and career awareness class activities such as:

- A lesson plan database, developed by facilitators across the state, which includes engaging career development activities that align with the New York State Common Core, Career Development, and Occupational Studies standards
- A Facilitator's Guide which provides step-by-step instructions for using all CareerZone features and classroom strategies

## HOW SUCCESSFUL IS CAREERZONE?

Young New Yorkers from across the state start using CareerZone in middle school. They continue using it through their early adulthood and shift into using JobZone (**jobzone.labor.ny.gov**) as adult job seekers.

What youth and facilitators have said about CareerZone:

***Kayla:*** "When using CareerZone I learned that when you go into the field of music production, you need a college degree or higher."

***Alexis:*** "It helps you find jobs and trainings out there. It gives you a head start on what you might want to do in the future."

***Mario:*** "I thought of engineering a whole different perspective. I thought it was basically carpentry; like fixing cars as a mechanic, building tables, wiring houses. But once I looked up the information, engineering is actually also coming up with or designing an actual product."

***Sheel:*** "When people asked me what do I want to become when I grow up? I didn't have an answer I believed. Thinking about a career used to be stressful. With tools and knowledge from CareerZone of different professions and how my personality and goals fit into them helps reduced my career anxiety, so I can prepare and plan."

***CareerBound Broome County:*** "CareerZone is built into our work readiness training. Many times, youth adults are unsure of their career interests. With Interest Profiler in CareerZone, youth can match careers with their interests. This helps us to explore those careers with the youth to find a good fit for them."

***Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES:*** "We have used CareerZone for over a decade while working with young people and helping them along on their career journey. CareerZone is EXACTLY what NYSED needs! This wonderful and comprehensive website is the key to career development, career choice, and a much happier and healthier workforce."

## FUNDING

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## CONNECT WITH CAREERZONE

Establish your account at **careerzone.labor.ny.gov** today!

The CareerZone team is committed to collaborating with students, teachers, administrators, and career professionals to help young New Yorkers make informed career choices.

**Need Training?**

**Collaboration ideas?**

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