Unit #3 Title: It’s Magic! Understanding the Roles, Responsibilities, and Requirements of Workers

Lesson Title: Career Magic (Part 1) Lesson # 1 of 2

Grade Level: 5

Length of Lesson: 30 minutes

Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standard:
SL.5.5, RI.5.5

American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets and Behaviors:
M 4
B-LS.7, B-SS.1, B-SS.6

Materials (include activity sheets and/or supporting resources)
Magic Wand; Magic Hat or Box
Resource: Career Paths Strips (Master Copy)
Activity Sheet: Career Graphic Organizer (copies for students)
Dry erase board, smart board, chart paper, or other visual media

Enduring Life Skill(s)
| X | Perseverance | X | Integrity | X | Problem Solving |
| X | Courage | Compassion | Tolerance |
| X | Respect | Goal Setting |

Lesson Measurable Learning Objectives:
The student will compare and contrast the roles and responsibilities of two careers by using a graphic organizer.

Lesson Formative Assessment (acceptable evidence):
Assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals and objectives. Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.
The students will gather information about the roles, responsibilities, skills and training and education requirements of workers. The information gathered will be placed in a graphic organizer chart and then analyzed (during Lesson 2) to identify the similarities and differences in the careers. Within each team, members will analyze the information each member gathered to identify similarities and differences of the roles, responsibilities, skills and post-secondary education. They will also present the information gathered in a T chart (Activity Sheet 2).

Lesson Preparation
Essential Questions: How do training and skills affect a person’s roles and responsibilities in the community?
**Engagement (Hook):**
Copy the resource, *Career Path Strips*. Cut the strips apart, and put the strips into the magic hat or box, or write the names of the Career Paths along with examples of careers in each path on slips of paper and place into a hat or box. Tell students that magic can happen when people find the work they enjoy. Then, wave your magic wand with great enthusiasm and say: “Hocus Pocus, what career path am I in today?” Pull one Career Path slip out of the hat or box. Say for example: “Hi! My name is Chris Carpenter. I work for Carpentry, Inc. I make cabinets, install them, and fix wooden furniture. I follow plans and blueprints. I build safe and durable products.” Pull Tony Teacher’s slip out of the hat/box. How are Tony Teacher’s roles and responsibilities different?

**Procedures**

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| **NOTE:** For this strategy, you will need to display or project the *Career Graphic Organizer*.  
1. After the “hook,” encourage students to respond. Discuss with the class the similarities and differences between Tony Teacher’s career and Chris Carpenter’s career. List and display the responses on the *Career Graphic Organizer*. Begin with Tony Teacher as Career One. List her roles, responsibilities, skills, and training and Education. Repeat the process with Chris Carpenter. After completing the list ask students to talk with a partner to identify the similarities in Chris’ and Tony’s roles, responsibilities, skills and necessary training and education.  
2. Tell students that the task in this unit is to compare and contrast roles, responsibilities, skills, and training and education of different careers. Say, “What does compare mean? What does contrast mean? What does compare and contrast mean? Today we will be comparing and contrasting the roles and responsibilities of two careers.”  
3. Remind students that roles and responsibilities may be similar or different depending upon the careers. Say, “Are there similarities that all occupations have in common? Are there ways specific occupations are different from all other occupations?” | 1. Possible responses: Teachers instruct students, write lessons, grade papers, assign work, assign grades, go to meetings, write on the chalkboard, etc.  
2. Students actively engage in the conversation about the meanings of the terms compare, contrast, and compare and contrast.  
3. Students answer the questions. |
4. Divide the class into six groups. Distribute to each group the names of two career paths and the *Career Graphic Organizer Activity Sheet*. As you are distributing the materials to each group, ask students to think for a minute about the many careers in each path. Say, “If you were counting, which career path would have the most occupations? What causes the difference in numbers of occupations in each Career Path?”

5. Tell students to write the names of the two careers their group identified in the header row (row one) of columns 2 and 3 on the *Career Graphic Organizer Activity Sheet*. Each group will complete the 2nd and 3rd columns of the graphic organizer for roles, responsibilities, and skills of the two careers. Training/Education will be discussed in Lesson 2.

6. After identifying and listing the roles, responsibilities, and skills in the appropriate rows on the activity sheet, students will study the data and identify similarities and differences in roles, responsibilities, and skills between the two careers.

7. Collect the graphic organizers and save for the next lesson. Close this lesson by reminding students that during the second lesson, they will be completing their career graphic organizers.

**Teacher Follow-Up Activities**

During instruction, discuss the roles and responsibilities for careers related to the teacher’s content area.

**Counselor reflection notes (completed after the lesson)**

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4. When groups receive their assigned career paths (2 per group) group members identify one career to explore in each of those career paths.

5. Students add information to complete the roles, responsibilities, skills rows for the 2nd and 3rd columns of the activity sheet.

6. In the 4th and 5th columns, students identify and list the similarities and differences between the careers.

7. Students give their group’s graphic organizers to counselor.
COUNSELOR RESOURCE: CAREER PATH STRIPS (MASTER COPY)
Cut apart the Career Path strips. Give one “career strip” to each small group. Group members will generate the names of more occupations than are suggested on the “career strip.” They will write or represent occupations through pictures on the poster board chart and then write skills, knowledge or concepts they are currently learning (or have learned in the past) to go with each occupation. Encourage students to think beyond “arithmetic” or “reading” to the application of their current learning. For example, a newspaper editor has to be able to read for detail to determine if a story will make sense to the reader.

Creative Path
(Arts and Communications)
museum curator, investigative reporter, actor, radio and TV broadcast journalist, newspaper journalist, set designer, cartoonist, greeting card designer
_Can you think of other workers who create as a part of their work?_

Nature
(Natural Resources)
zoo keeper, horticulturist, park ranger, dairy farmer, conservation agent, cattle farmer, geologist, florist, landscape designer; environmental researcher, forester
_Now, you name some workers who like to work with our natural resources.

Fixing, Building and Technology
(Industrial and Engineering Technology)
construction worker, auto mechanic, architect, brick layer, software designer, electrical contractor, entrepreneur, industrial engineer
_Name at least one other worker who likes to make things?

Business Path
(Business Management and Technology)
administrative assistant, entrepreneur, certified public accountant, restaurant manager, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), instructional technology specialist
_What business management and technology workers have to be organized in their work?

Health Path
(Health Services)
physician, nutritionist, veterinarian, radiologist, pharmacist, dentist, emergency room technician, school nurse
_There are many other health-related workers. Can you name 3 others?

Helping Path
(Human Services)
teacher, custodian, restaurant server, law enforcement officer, social worker, tour guide, school counselors, ministers
_What human services workers have helped you recently?_
### Career Graphic Organizer

*(Make this page into a large chart, or project it so the class can see it in use)*

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**Career Graphic Organizer**

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