

## EducationPlannerBC: Parents as Education and Career Coaches

### Activity 1: Career Bubbles Concept Map Worksheet Instructions

This activity helps us to:

- Explore career clusters, which are groups of careers that share common themes or require similar skills.
- “Think outside the box” when thinking about a possible career path or program.
- Remember that jobs and careers are out there for all types of people with diverse skills, interests, and work environment preferences.

Directions:

1. On this worksheet there is a circle in the middle with bubbles radiating from the centre.
2. In the middle, write down a career path or program choice.
  - a. You can use our examples of: Hockey Player, Health Care.
3. In the outside circles, write down as many types of jobs or careers that could be linked to this area. Try to fill all the bubbles!

If you need to expand your thinking:

- ✓ Consider what **skills** the career in the middle requires and write down other careers that would require those as well.
  - For example, hockey player skills include teamwork, physical strength, discipline, agility, leadership. These skills could translate well into careers such as Firefighter, Sports Coach, Physiotherapist, Business and Marketing.
- ✓ Consider how **people with different personalities and work environment preferences** could find meaningful work opportunities related to this career. For example, some people like working with people whereas others prefer data, numbers or behind the scenes work.
  - For example:
    - Health care careers that are applied and hands-on (doctor, health care assistant, massage therapist, hospital clerk)
    - Health care work that is behind the scenes or focuses on science, data, research, business, or equipment (i.e. lab data analysis, sterilizing medical equipment, designing or marketing health care products and services).
- ✓ Challenge your assumptions about who can work in a particular career. Open your imagination to all the possibilities!
- ✓ Consider the education would be required for these careers.
- ✓ Find programs by Subject at: <https://educationplannerbc.ca/search> and explore the Occupations tab for career information on the WorkBC website.



