

**10th Grade**  
**NLCS Career Exploration Project**

Students will explore a career of their choice and investigate the necessary education, training, and skills to obtain each career. They will present a product of their choosing with the following information.

1. Description of Career
  - a. How do you define this career?
  - b. What does a typical day look like?
  - c. What type of environment is the workplace?
2. Required Education
  - a. What kind of education do you need to begin the career?
    - i. How long is the program?
    - ii. What type of classes do you need to take?
    - iii. What programs are available in Minnesota?
    - iv. What type of degree, license, or certification do you need?
3. Necessary Skills
  - a. What type of skills and abilities are best for this career?
4. Potential Wages
  - a. How much can you earn starting out in this career?  
<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm>
  - b. What is the average wage in Minnesota?  
<http://www.iseek.org/careers/research.html>
  - c. What is an average wage after 5-10 years of experience?
  - d. Is this a livable wage for where you want to live?  
<http://livingwage.mit.edu/>
5. Future Job Growth
  - a. What is the job outlook?
  - b. How do you know this career is growing?
6. Reflection
  - a. Why are you interested in these careers?
  - b. Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - c. What information was most surprising through this project?

d. What are the next steps you need to make to make your plans come true?

### Resources

Bureau Labor of Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm>

MN ISEEK Career Statistics: <http://www.iseek.org/careers/research.html>

Livable Wage Calculator for US: <http://livingwage.mit.edu/>