



Early Career Explorers

Early Career Explorers classroom resources allow elementary teachers to incorporate career exploration alongside traditional subjects. By incorporating career exploration into standard elementary curriculum, students build a strong foundation to better understand the importance of academics, extracurricular activities, and healthy study habits as it relates to future career goals. Early career exploration teaches students to work hard in elementary, middle and high school, giving them the ability to make educated decisions about high school class schedules, setting the course for their postsecondary education and career pathways, and readying them to achieve scholarships that offset the costs of postsecondary education.

Downloadable Classroom Resources

Early Career Explorers includes free, downloadable classroom resources for Pre-K through elementary grade classrooms.

I Can Be... Series Pre-K - Kindergarten

Teacher's Instructions
Career Spelling Worksheets

Community Helper:
Flash Cards (*Optional)

Careers Build a Community 1st - 3rd Grade

Lesson Plans
Student Career Journal
Community Helper:
Flash Cards & Cut Outs

Career Heroes 3rd - 4th Grade

Teacher's Guide
Student Workbook
Trading Cards

To learn more about bringing Early Career Explorers resources into your classroom, contact Shelly Morgan, K-12 Specialist, ACPE at shelly.morgan@alaska.gov or 907-269-7972.

Classroom resources available at acpe.alaska.gov/EarlyCareerExplorers



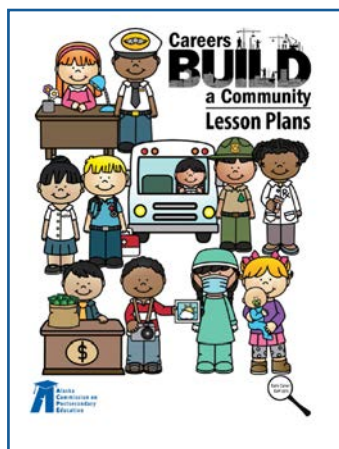
I Can Be... Series



Pre-K through Kindergarten

The **I Can Be... Series** introduces young students to 56 careers while providing traceable letters to work on handwriting skills. Each career includes coloring options for both male and female career characters, plus a description of important subjects to study in school. Traceable letters help students practice penmanship, while teaching proper spelling and helping students draw connections between school subjects and various careers. A Teacher's Guide is also available. Community Helper Flash Cards, located as a downloadable resource under Careers Build a Community, can be included to enhance these activities.

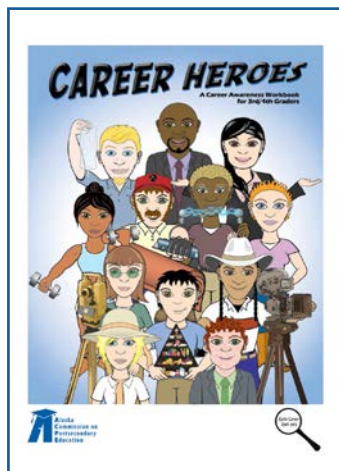
Careers Build a Community



1st - 3rd Grade

Careers Build a Community lessons help students further explore the 56 career options introduced through the I Can Be activities. Students engage in hands-on and independent learning activities, and discover related school subjects and degree programs. Using the Student Career Journal, students record their likes and dislikes about each career, and express their understanding of career connections within the community. Community Helper Flashcards and Cut-Outs introduce students to each career and provide coloring options for both male and female career characters. A Community Day event teaches students that diverse careers build strong communities, while also introducing students to new careers they may someday introduce to their community.

Career Heroes



3rd - 4th Grade

The **Career Heroes** Workbook and Trading Cards introduce students to 32 possible career options based on the Holland career types: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional. Students learn to associate each career with one of six different types of Career Heroes: Doers, Thinkers, Creators, Helpers, Persuaders, and Organizers. By identifying which type of Career Hero matches with their skills and interests, students can better assess their own career interests. Through six fun activities, students learn about special skills, tools, training, and basic employment and wage data for each career represented.

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