

## Explore Careers

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This menu section holds the resources and tools for people to explore careers, their skills and interests, and to plan for their career or job future. Additional resources in this section include blog articles that relate to career exploration. There is a series of videos related to a variety of careers. The last item in this menu is a searchable database, where you will be able to enter a keyword and find the associated documents and resources that have something to do with career exploration.

Make sure to set-up an Illinois workNet user account so that you can save your results from using the tools in this section.



Skills &  
Interests



Careers,  
Wages &  
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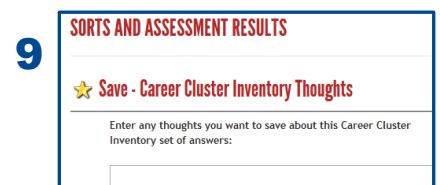
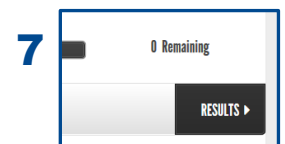
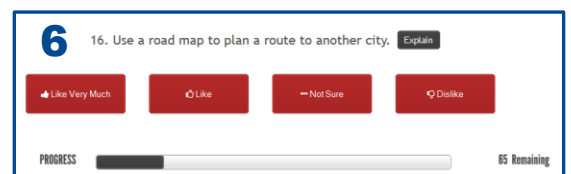
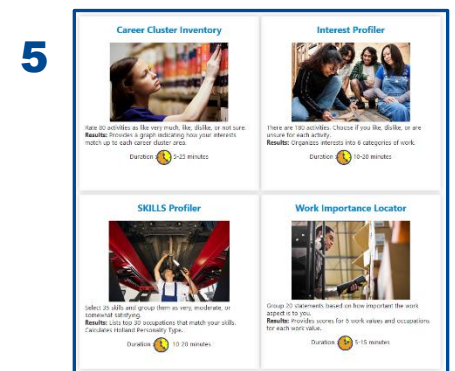
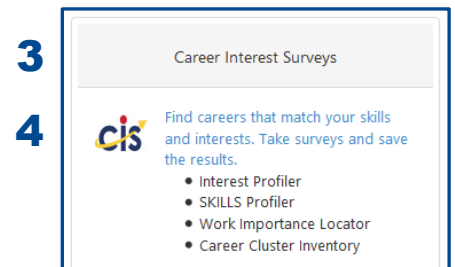
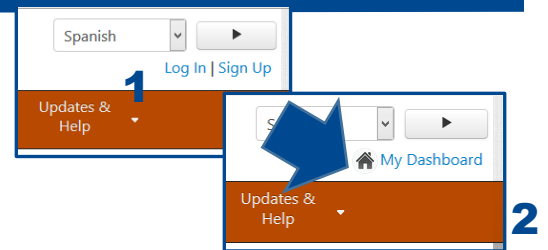
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## Skills and Interest Surveys

This tool helps anyone from those just entering the workforce to someone making a career change. The four short surveys cover topics that include Interests, Skills, Work Importance, and Career Cluster Inventory.

1. Log-in to your Illinois workNet Account.
2. Select My Dashboard.
3. Find the Career Interest Surveys Block.
4. Click the link to begin the surveys.
5. Click on each title to begin the individual survey:
  - a. Career Cluster Inventory
  - b. Interest Profiler
  - c. SKILLS Profiler
  - d. Work Importance Locator
6. Answer the questions in each survey.
7. Once you've finished all the questions, select "Results".
8. Select "Save" from the results page to save your answers to your Illinois workNet account.
9. Add any additional comments to the comment box.
10. Return to your dashboard and select the remaining surveys until you are done.



## Career, Wages & Trends

Once you have settled on a career cluster, you will want to investigate the different occupations that are in that cluster. This is a major step in creating a career plan. Use the Illinois workNet Career Pathways and Demand Occupations to research your career choices. Several things that you will want to investigate include:

- education or job specific skills that you will need,
- job openings or job growth, and
- wages associated with the specific job.

1. Select a Pathway – there are 16 total. Career Cluster Survey results may guide your decision.
2. Select a Career within the cluster. Give preference to the “Demand Occupations” because this indicates a growing field.
3. OR search a career by keyword, Career Cluster or Pathway.
4. Review the data within each area to gather research on:
  - a. Job Demand and Wages for employment outlook, wages and trends, and resources.
  - b. Skills & Training required in performing the job.
  - c. Find Jobs & Information like physical demands and working conditions.
5. Bookmark jobs in your Illinois workNet account for future reference.



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Pathways

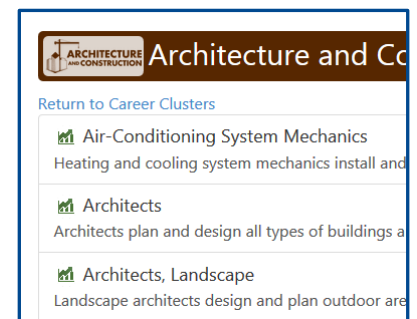


Demand  
Occupations

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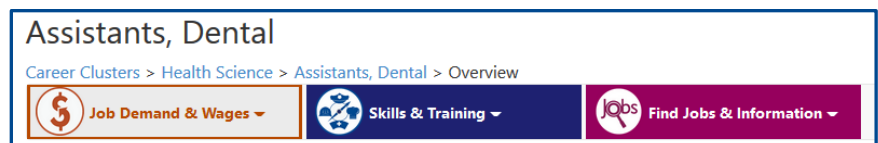
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Demand Occupations Search	
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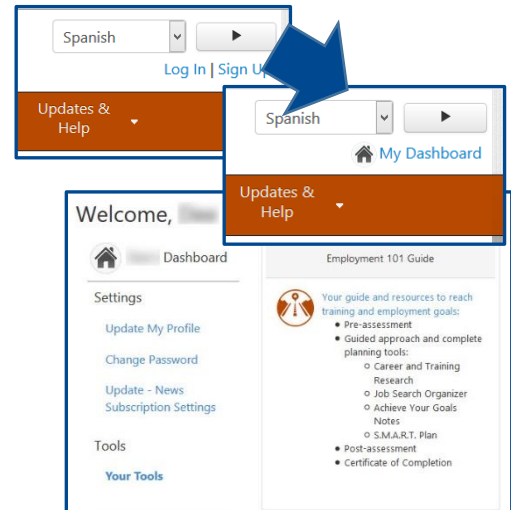


## Employment 101

This tool is a step-by-step guide to help you establish employment goals. This is a perfect tool for someone just entering the workforce or for someone who is making a career change. Each step will take you through a guided approach and set of planning tools that include:

- Career and Training Research
- Job Search Organizer
- Achieve Your Goals Notes
- S.M.A.R.T. Plan

All you have to do is log-in to your Illinois workNet account to access the Employment 101 Guide from your dashboard.



Once in the guide, you will see your progress, including a pre-assessment, the guide, a post-assessment, and a certificate of completion.

Select Employment 101 and begin the process to:

- Prepare a Career Plan,
- Prepare a Job Search Plan, and
- Achieve Your Goals.

Create and save multiple plans and watch your progress as you complete each of the sections on your way to achieving your goals!

For more detailed instructions on how to complete your plan go to Employment 101 under the Explore Careers menu on Illinois workNet and look for additional resources.

