

**Georgia's Program Concentrations**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisement Activity**  
**Estimated time: 30 Minutes**

**Georgia Teachers-As-Advisors Framework****Goal 6-1.1 - Create, manage, and enhance a Peach State Portfolio.**

d. Assess individual: 1) interests (Level I assessment) and 2) skills (Level I assessment) on common, Georgia-identified instruments.

**Objectives:**

- Students will become familiar with the Georgia Peach State Pathways
- Students identify which jobs fit into the various pathways

**Materials:**

- 2 page handout (print front and back to save paper)

**Activity:**

1. *Say:* "Good Morning. Welcome to Advisement. Today we are going to talk about Georgia's 11 Program Concentrations. What does concentration mean?" *Entertain answers.*

2. *Say:* "Yes, concentration means to focus on a particular task, such as when you concentrate on a math problem. Concentration also means ingredients that are not watered down, such as when you buy orange juice concentrate at the grocery store. It is compact without any extra ingredients, such as water to dilute it. So, with this information, what do you think that a Program Concentration is?" *Entertain answers.* (a compact focus on a particular topic; there are no other courses to dilute your focus). *Write this phase on the board of flip chart.*

3. *Say:* Let's talk about why we go to school. *Entertain reasons we have public education. List these on the board or flip chart.* Students may say: to have fun, to be with my friends, to play sports, to keep us out of trouble, to learn new things, to go to college, to get a job etc. Stress the connection between education and work. (education is part of your planning for what you might do as a career) {elementary, middle, high, and postsecondary---all represent ways to prepare for a career.}

4. *Distribute the handout. Say:* "Our purpose today is to make you aware that the Peach State Pathways can be a road map for your future career. School can be like walking in a forest sometimes. A student may lose his sense of direction. For this reason Pathways can become your map. You can always change direction should you find a particular pathway is not for you, and then select another. It's better to change direction than wandering around aimlessly in the forest of high school courses. Let's look at each CONCENTRATION on your handout and then align or match the Pathways.

5. *Say:* Read silently about each CONCENTRATION. *Allow time for students to read.*

6. *Say:* Divide into groups of three by counting off by threes. In your groups, working together, match the corresponding pathways based on the information you currently have about the 11 PROGRAM CONCENTRATIONS.

7. *Say:* Great! Now let's check our work. *Allow students to respond. Allow discussion about how the students reached their conclusions.*

## PATHWAYS:

Agriscience  
Nursing  
Forestry/Natural Resources  
Flight Operations  
Construction  
Performing Arts  
Computing  
Culinary Arts  
Early Childhood Education  
Engineering  
Interior Design  
Public Law and Justice  
Fashion Marketing

## CONCENTRATIONS:

Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_  
Healthcare Science \_\_\_\_\_  
Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_  
ACCT \_\_\_\_\_  
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Arts & Humanities \_\_\_\_\_  
Business & Computer Science \_\_\_\_\_  
Culinary Arts \_\_\_\_\_  
Education \_\_\_\_\_  
Engineering & Technology \_\_\_\_\_  
Family & Consumer Sciences \_\_\_\_\_  
Government & Public Safety \_\_\_\_\_  
Marketing, Sales & Services \_\_\_\_\_

8. *Say:* Pathways divide the BIG concentrations into SMALLER groupings of occupations that have similar skills. Georgia has more than 60 Peach State Pathways that you will be able to choose from when exploring and investigating your education and career future. Learning about these pathways can help you decide on your coursework at the high school and postsecondary opportunities.

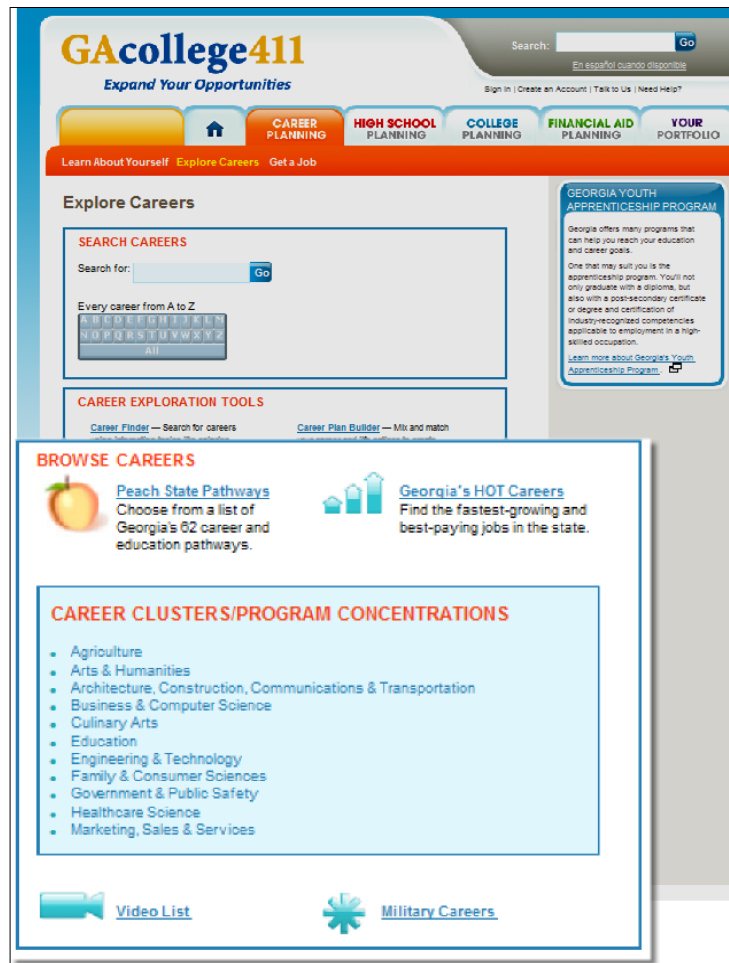
9. *Dismiss:* We will continue to learn more about the pathways. GACollege411 has more information on the pathways. Flip this handout over to discover your pathway using GACollege411. See you next time we meet. Have a great day!





The screenshot shows the GACollege411 homepage with the following elements:

- Header:** GACollege411 logo, tagline "Expand Your Opportunities", search bar, and navigation links (Sign In, Create an Account, Talk to Us, Need Help?).
- Navigation Menu:** Home, CAREER PLANNING, HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING, COLLEGE PLANNING, FINANCIAL AID PLANNING, YOUR PORTFOLIO.
- Main Content:**
  - "Are you a Middle School Student? Make your path through school a clear & easy one." with a red arrow pointing to the "MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT" button.
  - "Who are you?" section with buttons for MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, COLLEGE STUDENT, ADULT LEARNER, and PARENTS OF STUDENTS.
  - "SHORTCUTS" section with links to HOPE Scholarship Information, Your HOPE GPA, Georgia Scholarship/Grant Application (GSFAPPS), Loan Service Center, and ACCEL Program.
  - "WHAT'S NEW" section with links to Suspension of State Service Cancelable Loan Program, 2009 HOPE GPA High School Status Report, Income-Based Repayment Option for Federal Student Loans, Sending Transcripts to Colleges, Your HOPE GPA, and More News and Announcements.
- Footer:** Middle School & High School Educators, College Administrators, Motivational Resources.



The screenshot shows the "Explore Careers" page with the following elements:

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- Navigation Menu:** Home, CAREER PLANNING, HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING, COLLEGE PLANNING, FINANCIAL AID PLANNING, YOUR PORTFOLIO.
- Main Content:**
  - "Learn About Yourself | Explore Careers | Get a Job"
  - "Explore Careers" section with a "SEARCH CAREERS" box and "CAREER EXPLORATION TOOLS" (Career Finder, Career Plan Builder).
  - "BROWSE CAREERS" section with "Peach State Pathways" and "Georgia's HOT Careers".
  - "CAREER CLUSTERS/PROGRAM CONCENTRATIONS" section with a list of clusters:
    - Agriculture
    - Arts & Humanities
    - Architecture, Construction, Communications & Transportation
    - Business & Computer Science
    - Culinary Arts
    - Education
    - Engineering & Technology
    - Family & Consumer Sciences
    - Government & Public Safety
    - Healthcare Science
    - Marketing, Sales & Services
  - "Video List" and "Military Careers" links at the bottom.

## EXPLORE Program Concentrations and Peach State Pathways on GACollege411:

- Go to [www.Gacollege411.org](http://www.Gacollege411.org)
- Click Middle School Student "Go Now"
- In the section, CAREER CLUSTERS/PROGRAM CONCENTRATIONS, begin to explore and investigate the pathways and matching occupations.

Remember, it is important that you begin this process in Middle School so you will be prepared to choose the high school programs that will benefit you and your future. The education and career planning process takes time and effort. **BE PREPARED TO MAKE GOOD DECISION ABOUT YOUR FUTURE!**