

Why work? Program Concentrations 9th Grade Advisement Activity Estimated time: 20-30 Minutes

Georgia's Teachers-As-Advisors Framework:

Goal 9-1.1 - Create, manage, and enhance a Peach State Portfolio.

- b. Increase one's knowledge of Georgia's Peach State Pathways and begins to take courses from one area of study
- c. Explore specific occupational skills and occupations within one or more pathways based on one's 8th grade assessment results

Objectives:

- Know where to find information about Georgia's Career Concentrations

Materials:

- Chalk board or chart paper
- GACollege411 Flyer

Activity:

1. *Greet students:* "Good morning, welcome to advisement. Today we are going to look at some ways that GACollege411 can help you to plan for your future. GACollege411 is your primary source of information for education and career planning. Ask students to raise their hands if they have used the GACollege411 program provided FREE to all students and their parents in Georgia to explore Georgia's Program Concentrations. If students do not raise their hands, tell them this is an important part of the education and career planning process. You should make some time to explore your options so you can prepare for an occupation or career that "fits" you as an individual; and, one that you will enjoy. You should look at those occupations or pathways that match your interest and aptitudes (skills).
2. *Ask students, "Why do people work?" Record their reasons on the board or chart paper. If they have difficulty, allow them to talk about specific occupations and why people work those jobs. You can use your occupation, educator" as an example. Ask students to tell the rest of the group what career they are currently thinking about? List those occupations on the board.*
3. *Next handout the flyer on GACollege411 showing the Georgia Program Concentrations*
 - a. *Explain GACollege411 is a web site they can access anytime at any computer. Remind students that they can go to the local library or the school media center to have access.*
 - b. *Using the flyer explain that this web site has information available for high school students including career planning, high school planning, college planning and financial aid. The program provides a portfolio where you can save the information you gather so you can refer back to that information when you are making decisions about your future. Take this flyer home and share it with your family. Explore Georgia's Program Concentrations. These Program Concentrations represent broad areas in which specific occupations are similar like nursing, doctors, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), respiratory technicians are occupations in the Healthcare Science Program Concentration. Use GACollege411 to learn more about the Concentrations and pathways.*
4. We will continue to learn more about Georgia's Program Concentrations and Pathways. You will need this information to select your 9th grade classes in the spring. Remember, GACollege411 can help you with your planning. Have a great day!!! Come see me, if you have any problems or need my help.

GACollege411 is a **FREE** comprehensive **education and career planning** internet program located at www.GACollege411.org. This website can assist students learn about themselves, explore the world of work and create a plan of action to reach their goals.
Create your account.



Georgia's Program Concentrations

AGRICULTURE

**ARTS &
HUMANITIES**

**ARCHITECTURE,
CONSTRUCTION,
COMMUNICATION
&
TRANSPORTATION**

**BUSINESS &
COMPUTER
SCIENCE**

CULINARY ARTS

EDUCATION

**ENGINEERING &
TECHNOLOGY**

**FAMILY &
CONSUMER
SCIENCES**

**GOVERNMENT &
PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HEALTHCARE
SCIENCE**

**MARKETING,
SALES & SERVICES**

You can find information about Georgia's 11 Program Concentrations located under the **CAREER PLANNING** tab under **"Explore Careers"** in GACollege411. These program concentrations provide a framework for education and career planning which will assist you in narrowing your education and career choices to those that "fit" you. Tap into this valuable source of information!

Share this information with your family. They can help guide you along the way!