

## **Career Cruising Information for Parents**

Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool used by your son or daughter to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the Internet. Features of the program include:

### **ASSESSMENTS**

World-renowned assessment tools to help your child identify his or her career interests, skills, abilities, and learning styles

### **CAREER PROFILES**

Thorough and up-to-date information about hundreds of different occupations, including direct links between careers and related college programs

### **MULTIMEDIA INTERVIEWS**

Interviews with real people in each occupation, which add depth and realism to career profiles

### **COLLEGE AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

Comprehensive college and financial aid information, with a number of useful search tools to help your child find the right college and the right scholarships

### **EMPLOYMENT GUIDE**

Advice for all stages of the job search process, including developing a job search plan, networking, writing resumes and cover letters, preparing for interviews, and adjusting to a new job

### **MY PLAN**

An online portfolio where your child can develop and reflect on his or her academic, personal, and career exploration activities, and make plans for the future

### **RESUME BUILDER**

Integrated with the My Plan tool to help your child create, format, and print professional-looking resumes quickly and easily

### **PARENT PORTAL**

Allows you to view the information your child has stored in his or her Plan, learn more about the careers and schools that your child is interested in, and communicate with your child's career advisor

**NOTE: To access & complete your student's 4-Year Plan you will need to use your student's log-in:**

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Username: CF-student ID number (Example: CF-180907)

Password: 8-digit student birthday (mm/dd/year) (Example: 02072001)

## **WHAT IS ccPATHFINDER?**

ccPathfinder enables students to build a personalized course plan, designed to help them meet graduation requirements, and put them on the right path for post-secondary and career readiness.

With ccPathfinder, students and parents can view critical information online, including student's individual course history, the school's course information, including pre-requisites, as well as graduation tracking and recommended courses.

Career Cruising believes that family engagement is critical to promote student success. With ccPathfinder, families can easily become involved in the student's course planning.

### **ccPATHFINDER OFFERS:**

- **Online Course Information** (from the district course description guide)
- **Online Course Planning** (4-Year Plan)
- **Graduation Requirements** (ccPathfinder will track student progress towards meeting graduation requirements)

***Here's an example of the information available for Career Exploration and planning for the future!***

**Civil Engineer**

**At a Glance**

Civil engineers help design and build the structures all around us, including buildings, bridges, dams, highways, railways, and sewers.

16 CAREER CLUSTERS Architecture & Construction; Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Science, Technology, Engineering & Math; Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

**EARNINGS RANGE**  
\$  
51K - 119K

**LEVEL OF EDUCATION**  
U  
4-Year College or University

This civil engineer is producing a design using computer-assisted design software. Engineers also prepare reports and communicate with the project's team using computers.

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**Career Videos »**

**Cruising Your Career Path**

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Source: Fast Forward, Nebraska Transportation Center

**Cruising Your Career Path**

**Engineer Your Own Success**

**Profiles of Scientists and Engineers – Civil Engineer**

**LaSasha Walker, Civil Engineering**

**Core Tasks**

- 1 Use math and science to calculate if structure designs are possible and safe
- 2 Study existing conditions at project sites
- 3 Estimate quantities and cost of materials, equipment, and labor needed for projects
- 4 Supervise construction workers and building progress at project sites
- 5 Prepare reports on project issues

**Attributes & Abilities »**

- Problem-solving skills
- Communication skills
- An interest in construction and building
- Math and computer skills
- An understanding of business

**Workplace »**

- Work for engineering firms, manufacturing and construction companies, and government agencies
- Spend a lot of time working in offices on computers, making phone calls, or reading blueprints
- Work outdoors doing on-site inspections and supervising the construction process
- Most work 8 to 10 hours a day, 40 to 50 hours a week