This activity helps students explore different educational and work placement pathways and their related programs. Students will use the myBlueprint Post-Secondary Planner to research related pathways based on their interest in programs.

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| **Teacher Led** |  | **Requires Computer** | **X** | **Requires myBlueprint.ca** | **X** |

**LEARNING GOALS:**

1. Students will research and record several different post-secondary pathways and programs.
2. Students will reflect upon their research process and different path options based on personal interests and strengths.

**MATERIALS:**

* Computer lab, tablets, or mobile devices
* Pathways Exploration - Handout [A]

**GETTING STARTED:**

1. Have students visit [www.myBlueprint.ca](http://www.myBlueprint.ca), and enter their email and password to log in.
2. **Forgotten password?** Students can reset their passwords by clicking on the ‘Forgot your password?’ link in the green Existing User box.
3. **Forgotten email?** As a teacher/counsellor, you can reset your students’ emails and passwords in your Student Manager or My Classes.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Provide students with **Handout [A] Pathways Exploration** and have them explore and compare programs in the myBlueprint **Post-Secondary** feature.
2. Have students complete the worksheets for all 3 pathways and the reflection once they have filled in the worksheets.

**EXTENSION ACTIVITY:**

1. Have students create a portfolio named, ‘Pathways to a Career’ using the **Portfolio** tool.
   1. Students can track their research from **Handout A** by adding the pathways they favourited to their portfolio
   2. Students can type a good copy of their reflection from **Handout A** by adding a **Journal Entry** box to their portfolio
2. Have students download and print their portfolio to hand it in.

**HANDOUT A: Pathways Exploration**

**PATHWAYS INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Select the **Post-Secondary** from the menu navigation on the left hand side of your screen. Select the pathway you would like to choose.
2. Ensure you can see all of your filters by clicking the **Filters** button under the search bar. Type in apprenticeship name or keywords and click **Search** when ready.
3. Compare your results by clicking on the right hand side icon that shows three dots in a column, then click **Compare**.
4. Complete the following 3 worksheets (Apprenticeship Opportunities, College & University Programs, and Workplace Opportunities.
5. Complete the Reflection of your exploration process.

**APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Select **Apprenticeships** as your **Pathway** and **Compare TWO (2)** Apprenticeship opportunities that caught your interest.
2. Fill out the form below.

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|  | **Apprenticeship #1:** | **Apprenticeship #2:** |
| Length of Program |  |  |
| In-Class Hours |  |  |
| Employment Requirements |  |  |
| Minimum Entry |  |  |
| Example Titles |  |  |
| Why are you interested in these apprenticeships? |  |  |

**COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS**

1. Select **College & University** as your **Pathway** and **Compare TWO (2)** programs that caught your interest.
2. Fill out the form below.

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|  | **Program #1:** | **Program #2:** |
| Length of Program |  |  |
| Tuition Cost |  |  |
| Other Fees (total) |  |  |
| Admission  Requirements  (Prerequisites) |  |  |
| Minimum Average |  |  |
| Is Co-op or Part-time study an option? |  |  |
| Why are you interested in these programs? |  |  |

**WORKPLACE OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Select **Workplace** as your **Pathway** and **Compare TWO (2)** Workplace opportunities.
2. Fill out the form below.

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|  | **Opportunity #1:** | **Opportunity #2:** |
| Main Duties |  |  |
| Required Education/Training |  |  |
| Estimated Salary |  |  |
| Employment Prospects |  |  |
| Why are you interested in these opportunities? |  |  |

**REFLECTION**

1. Please answer the questions below as clearly and concisely as you can. You may type these into a word processor (ex: Microsoft Word) if you’d like.

Which post-secondary pathway did you feel best met your interests, values and personality?

Pathway:

Why did you choose this pathway?

Which opportunity seems to be the most suited to you?

What steps might you take in order to pursue your post-secondary opportunity of choice?