



# JUNIOR CAREER UNIT

## WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?



Following your high school graduation, you essentially have 3 options; Go back to school (college, tech school or some training program), join the military, or get a job. Regardless of which of these 3 options you choose, there is some planning that needs to be done. That is the purpose of our time together today. Follow the steps below to complete today's tasks.

### Task 1: Which path do you plan to take? (Circle one)

Further Schooling

Join the Military

Go Directly into the Workforce



### Task 2: Identify your top 2 Career Choices: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Now some questions. What requirements are there to get the career you want? Do they require further schooling? Training? Apprenticeship? Will you need a degree? A license? If you do not know the answers to these questions, spend some time looking up those careers in RUPrepareND.com to find out.

**NO IDEA WHAT CAREER TO PURSUE?** In that case you need to spend some time researching your options. Follow the instructions in the box below to complete that. For step (c) instead of choosing Explore Careers, click on the Career Finder tab in the QUICKLINKS section to the right of your screen. Then, use the tabs on the left of your screen to help narrow career options based on your preferences, interests and skills. Good Luck !

### LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS: RUPrepareND.com

Follow the steps below to research careers you may be interested in pursuing after high school.

- a. Login to RUPrepareND.com
  - i. Account name: nd.lastname.firstname.mmddyyyy Ex: Joe Smith would be nd.smith.joe.01211998
  - ii. Password: lunch account number



- b. Once you are logged in click on the Career Planning tab in the green toolbar at the top of the screen.
- c. Now select Explore Careers (second box under Career Planning) by clicking the green link next to the arrow.
- d. You need to look up the career you are interested in pursuing. If you know what career cluster it is in, click on the cluster and then select your career from the list provided. **OR** you may scroll down and use the A to Z list to find your career.
- e. Once you have found your potential career choice, use the tabs on the left of the screen to research specific information.
- f. Click on the What to Learn tab to the left to find out what education/training is required after high school for this career.

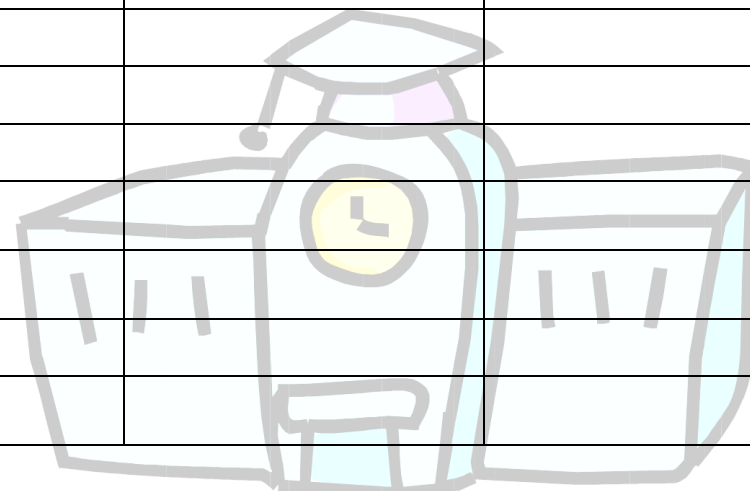
### Task 3: Complete the activity page for ONLY the option you circled in Task 1.

# THE ADDITIONAL SCHOOLING OPTION



1. What Education/Training is necessary for your Career Choice? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Complete the chart below to help identify schools that best meet your needs.
3. TO LOCATE SCHOOLS:
  - Option 1: Locate by personal preferences
    - In RUPrepareND.com click on the College Planning tab in the green at the top of your screen.
    - Click on the College Matching Assistant link in the QUICKLINKS window to the right of your screen.
  - Option 2: Find a college based on Career Choice.
    - Continue from step (f) of the RUPrepareND.com instructions on the front page.
    - Click on your preferred program under the Beyond High School section.
    - Click on the Schools Offering This Program link to the left of your screen.
4. Select schools from the list provided by clicking on the school's name. An information page for the selected school will appear. The tabs to the left of your screen will provide additional information about the school that you can use to complete the chart below. You may also find information by going to the school's website; a link has been provided in the blue box with the school's address and phone number (upper right).

<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>School #1</i>	<i>School #2</i>	<i>School #3</i>
Name of school			
Location (Which state? Which town? Hours from home?)			
What major or program will you be in? Is it available?			
Cost per semester (tuition + fees + room & board)			
How long will it take to complete your program?			
Size of campus			
Living arrangements Will you live on campus, at home, rent an apartment, etc.			
Will you have completed the course admission requirements necessary for admission by the time you graduate HS?			
Admission deadline (priority is often earlier)			
ACT or SAT required? ACT writing test required? What score is needed?			
<i>What other factors will you need to consider?</i>			



# THE MILITARY OPTION



1. Complete the Military Careers Chart below.
2. Follow the RUReadyND.com instruction on the front page through step (c).
3. Option 1: Click on the *Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security* career cluster.  
Option 2: Scroll down to the **Browse Careers** section and click on **Military Careers**.
4. Select the military careers that interest you and fill out the Military Selection exercise worksheet. The tabs on the left of the screen will help you locate specific information. **Note:** Use the *Add to Portfolio* link on the left side of the page to save your career choices.
5. Check out the websites listed below the Military Selection chart if you need/want to locate additional info.

<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Job-Title #1</i>	<i>Job-Title #2</i>	<i>Job-Title #3</i>
Military Job Title			
Enlisted or Officer? If the job is for officers it will require college so will need to complete <i>The Additional Schooling</i> page as well.			
Branch of the military			
How long will the training take?			
How much will you earn?			
Is this job one that can be transferred to civilian life later?			
How long will you have to enlist for?			
How likely are you to be deployed with this job? You may have to guess on this one. Use common sense based on the job.			
<b>List the additional benefits of joining the military below.</b>	<b>What are some of the negative aspects that you may experience by joining the military?</b>		



To learn more, check out these military and related government agency websites:

Marines -- <http://www.marines.mil>

Navy – <http://www.navy.mil>

Army – <http://www.army.mil>

Air Force – <http://www.af.mil>

US Coast Guard -- <http://www.uscg.mil>

Customs & Boarder Patrol – [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

Central Intelligence Agency – [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov)

FBI – [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

Secret Service – [www.secretservice.gov](http://www.secretservice.gov)

# THE JOB FORCE OPTION



1. In RUReadyND.com click the Career Planning tab located in the green toolbar at the top of the screen.
2. Next click on the Career Finder tab in the QUICKLINKS section to the right of your screen.
3. Select the Education Level link on the left of your screen and then click the box for *High school completed*.
4. Further narrow your search by using additional links on the left. You do not need to do all of them. We recommend using Interests, School Subjects, Workplace Skills, and Working Conditions.
5. Click on See Matching Careers at the bottom of the screen (you may need to scroll down). Search through the career options available and choose one you would be interested in. Complete the chart for that job using the information tabs on the left.
6. Search for actual job openings for your job choice by clicking on the Connections tab to the left. Scroll down to the Job Bank Links section and select one (*Job Service ND* and *Job Central* are recommended). Type the name of your career into their search window.
7. Repeat the process until you have completed the chart below.

<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Job-Title #1</i>	<i>Job-Title #2</i>	<i>Job-Title #3</i>
Job title			
List 2 general facts about the work that they do from the “What They Do” section.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Click the “Is This For You Tab” What are 3 requirements/skills needed for the job that you feel you possess?	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
Click the “Money and Outlook” tab. What are the average salaries for ND and the U.S.?	National Salary (U.S.): Local Salary(ND):	National Salary: Local Salary:	National Salary: Local Salary:
Scroll down and look at the job outlook. How many jobs are available in North Dakota?			
Use the Job Bank Links to look up each of these careers. List any jobs available that you may be interested in. Name the company and the pay.			