

CAREERS IN ZOOS CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

1. Career Skills

Materials:

- 1) Descriptions of Careers and Careers Checklist for each student

Time Frame:

45 minutes

Procedure:

- 1) Pass out the Career Skills Checklist sheet to the students. Have them work on them individually, but let them know that you will be discussing it later.
- 2) After they have completed the sheets, go through each career and what skills it would entail. Discuss with the students their reasoning behind what skills they believe each career needs.
- 3) Have a few students read to the class what career they would choose, and why.
- 4) Wrap up this activity by discussing with the students what is necessary (experience, education, or skills) for a career within the zoo community.

Career Skills Checklist

Here are a few of the different careers you can find within the zoo. Think about what each job entails and if it involves skills with People (P), Animals (A), Things (T), or Ideas (I). Label each job with the skill or skills you think are necessary for it.

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| _____ Director/Chief Operating Officer | _____ Animal Curator |
| _____ Veterinarian | _____ Registrar |
| _____ Curator of Research | _____ Commissary/ Diet Mgr |
| _____ Conservation Biologist/ Zoologist | _____ Maintenance Technician |
| _____ Lead Keeper | _____ Volunteer Coordinator |
| _____ Operations Director/ Manager | _____ Curator of Exhibits |
| _____ Finance Manager | _____ Distribution Manager |
| _____ General Curator | _____ Curator of Conservation |
| _____ Curator of Horticulture | _____ Education Instructor |
| _____ Public Relations Director | _____ Development Director |
| _____ Marketing Director | _____ Special Events Coord. |
| _____ Visitor Service Manager | _____ Human Resources Mgr |
| _____ Gift Shop Manager | _____ Membership Director |
| _____ Curator of Education | _____ Accountant |

Review this list. Choose a career you feel you would be best suited for and explain why. Be sure to consider what you enjoy doing as well as those areas in which you excel.
