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The *Teacher's Guide* has been developed as a tool for teachers to use in their classrooms in conjunction with *Career Watch Arkansas*. Inside you will find activities for students, some will require Internet access. Just copy and distribute to your students. The PDF version of this document can also be found in the LMI Publications section of www.discover.arkansas.gov.

Occupational Career Information welcomes your comments about the *Teacher's Guide* and encourages feedback from both teachers and students. If you have suggestions for student activities or handouts for future editions, we would like to hear from you. You can fax us the feedback sheet found at the end of this publication or you can email amy.theriac@arkansas.gov and reference *Teacher's Guide* in the subject line.



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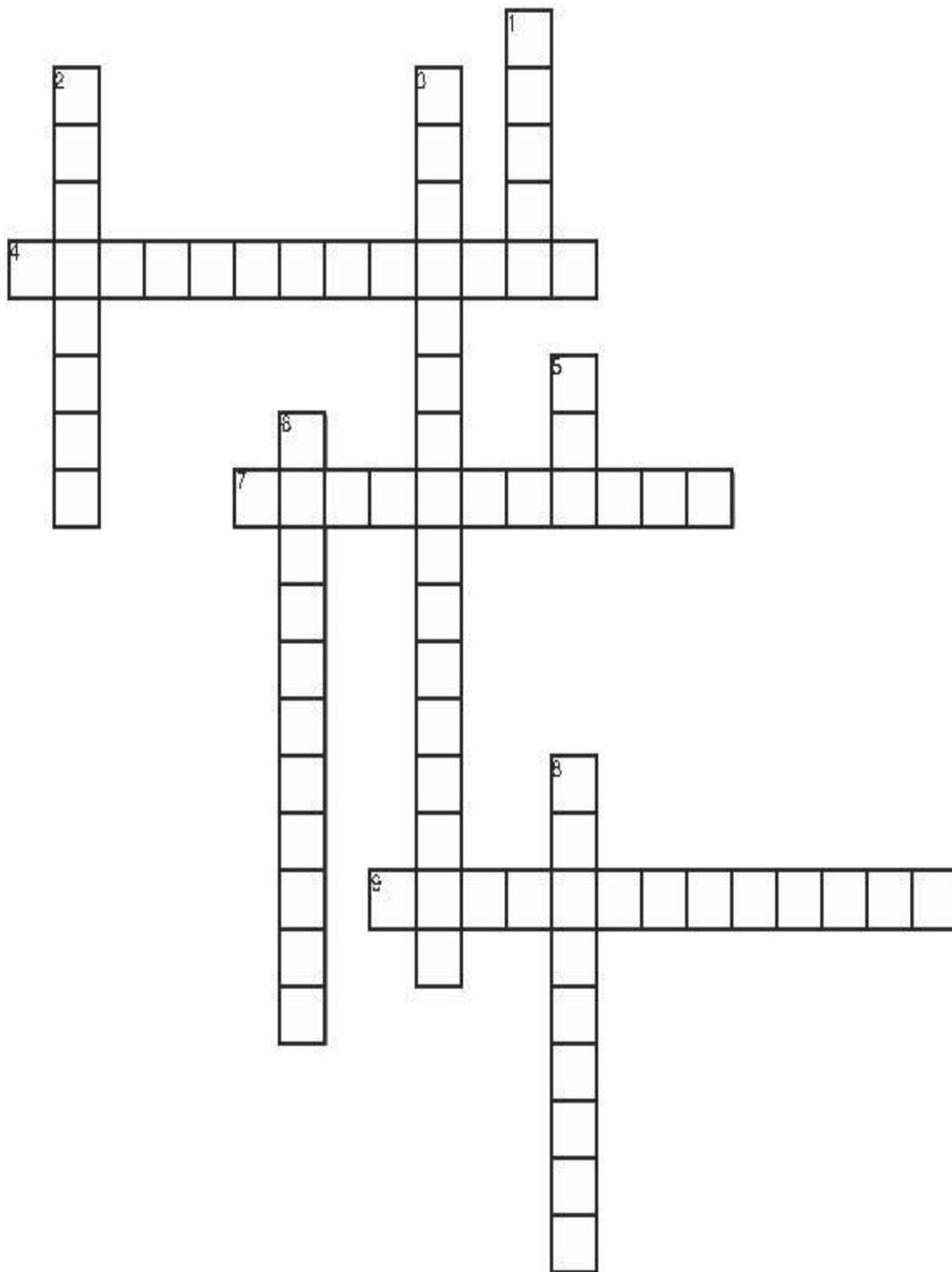


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Crossword

Using Career Watch Arkansas as a guide, complete the crossword below.



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Word Search

Resume Key Words

Don't just tell potential employers where you've worked. Tell them what you did and how it contributed to the overall success of the company or organization by using these key words.

- ACHIEVED
- ADAPTED
- ADMINISTERED
- ANALYZED
- ASSISTED
- BUDGETED
- CALCULATED
- COMMUNICATED
- COORDINATED
- DEFINED
- DETERMINED
- DIRECTED
- ESTABLISHED
- ESTIMATED
- EVALUATED
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- RESOLVED
- REVIEWED
- SCHEDULED
- SOLVED
- SUPERVISED
- TRAINED
- UTILIZED

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Non-Traditional Employment

Below is a list of non-traditional occupations for men and women. Using *Career Watch Arkansas*, (pgs. 28-46) locate the annual openings and earnings for each occupation. Then, answer the questions below based on the list.

Non-traditional Occupations for Women	Annual Openings	Annual Wages	Non-traditional Occupations for Men	Annual Openings	Annual Wages
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	_____	_____	Court Reporters	_____	_____
Carpenters	_____	_____	Dental Hygienists	_____	_____
Chemical Engineers	_____	_____	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	_____	_____
Electricians	_____	_____	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	_____	_____
Financial Examiners	_____	_____	Librarians	_____	_____
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	_____	_____	Registered Nurses	_____	_____
Surgeons	_____	_____	Travel Agents	_____	_____

How do the wages compare for men and women?

What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of non-traditional work?

Which of the above occupations interest you? Why?

Career Watch Scavenger Hunt

The answers to all of the following questions can be found in the pages of *Career Watch Arkansas*. What's your task? Find them!

1. List the four top resume strategies.
2. Which public four-year college is located in Pine Bluff, Arkansas?
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4. A) What is the occupational description for Interior Designer? (27-1025)

B) What are the occupation's average earnings?
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6. List five of the Skills to Pay the Bills

Internet Activity

Lifestyle Budget Calculator Real-Life Arkansas
www.real-life.arkansas.gov

***After high school you will need to work to pay for housing, transportation, clothes... You will need money.
You will need an occupation.***

This assignment will help you determine an estimated budget for a chosen occupation. If you know what occupation you want, the next step is to find out if that occupation will pay you enough to cover all your monthly expenses.

You will need to log on to www.real-life.arkansas.gov and choose **Option 3 - Occupation Direct**.

To begin, choose an occupation from the list, you will be given an average annual income after subtracting taxes, then click on the arrow. Now, choose a city closest to where you live or plan to live. The calculator at Real-Life Arkansas will guide you as you make decisions for a monthly budget.

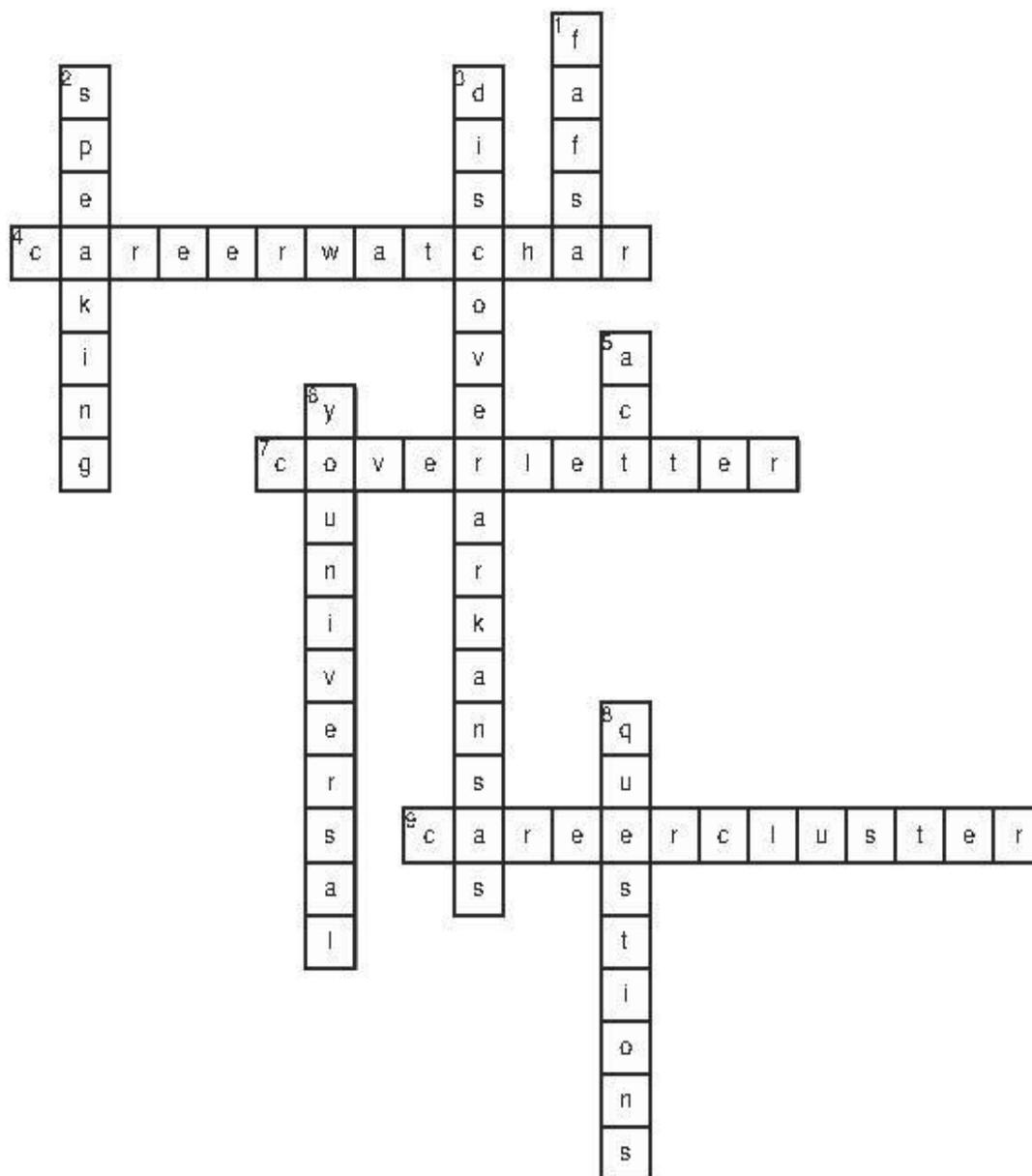
After determining a budget for your lifestyle, print out the completed budget and answer the questions below on a separate sheet.

1. Did you have to adjust your budget to meet your monthly income? Which expenses did you have to compromise or adjust?
2. Compare your budget with other classmates. Which expense totals are similar and which ones are different?
3. If possible, find a classmate with a monthly income higher than yours, and one with a lower monthly income. How do your budgets compare?
4. As a class, discuss what you have learned about creating a monthly budget and what you will keep in mind when you choose your occupation.

Real-Life Arkansas provides two other budget options. **Option 1 – Get a Real Life Check** will guide you through a budget based on wants and needs and help you find an occupation that matches the annual salary needed. **Option 2 – Future Salary** will guide you through choosing an occupation based on how much money you would like to earn and your education goals.

Answer Guides

Crossword Key



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3. Your labor market information source. (back cover) (**discoverarkansas**)
5. You can take this your junior year. (pg. 47) (**act**)
6. Fill this out for federal grants and loans (pg. 47). (**youuniversal**)
8. Be prepared to ask the interviewer these to learn more about a job position. (pg. 6) (**questions**)

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Non-Traditional Employment

Non-traditional Occupations for Women	Annual Openings	Annual Wages	Non-traditional Occupations for Men	Annual Openings	Annual Wages
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	49	\$43,240	Court Reporters	4	\$47,140
Carpenters	170	\$33,910	Dental Hygienists	61	\$62,060
Chemical Engineers	7	\$84,660	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	298	\$44,810
Electricians	134	\$43,510	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	55	\$43,430
Financial Examiners	5	\$71,790	Librarians	38	\$50,920
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	211	\$37,730	Registered Nurses	478	\$56,480
Surgeons	17	\$229,540	Travel Agents	3	\$38,060

Career Watch Scavenger Hunt

1. List the four top resume strategies.

Sell yourself

Identify your transferable skills

Highlight your accomplishments

Use keywords effectively

2. Which public four-year college is located in Pine Bluff, Arkansas?

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

3. List the Core Courses for the Education and Training Career Cluster?

Child Development

Orientation to Teaching

4. A) What is the occupational description for Interior Designer? (27-1025)

Plan, design, and furnish interiors of residential, commercial, or industrial buildings. Formulate design which is practical, aesthetic, and conducive to intended purposes, such as raising productivity, selling merchandise, or improving life style.

B) What are the occupation's average earnings?

\$21.65/\$45,030

5. How much more can a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree earn a week than a high school graduate?

\$433

6. List five of the Skills to Pay the Bills

Speaking

Active Listening

Reading Comprehension

Social Perceptiveness

Critical Thinking

Service Orientation

Writing

Instructing

Management of Personnel Resources

Monitoring

Send us your Feedback

The *Career Watch Arkansas Teacher's Guide* was developed as a tool to help educators make learning about careers more interesting to students. We hope you find the publication helpful.

We would appreciate receiving not only your feedback about the usefulness of this *Teacher's Guide*, but your suggestions for classroom exercises as well. Please take a few minutes to fill out and return this form to the address listed below or fax to 501-682-3186.

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What could make the *Career Watch Arkansas Teacher's Guide* more useful?

Would you recommend the *Career Watch Arkansas Teacher's Guide* to others?

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