

Career Exploration Project

1. Choose 1 career option from at least 2 of the following pathways:
 - Therapeutic
 - Diagnostic
 - Health Informatics
 - Support Services
 - Biotechnology Research and Development
2. Complete a *CAREER CHOICE WORKSHEET* for each
3. Complete a Venn Diagram comparing/contrasting 2 career options
4. Use at least 1 other Thinking Map for your presentation (use your imagination)
 - Circle Map
 - Bubble Map
 - Double Bubble Map
 - Tree Map
 - Brace Map
 - Flow Map
 - Bridge Map
 - Frame of Reference
5. A one page reflection utilizing the career option that most appeals to you. The following must be included (minimum)
 - Description of working environment (Typical hours per week, M-F 8-5 or weekends/evenings? ON-Call?)
 - Starting Salary
 - Job Outlook
 - At least 1 educational facility that offers the program, cost to attend for 4 years
 - What certification/license is needed after completion of school?
 - Why this career option appeals to you (Be reflective)

Websites that can be helpful in setting up your presentation:

<http://texashotjobs.org/>

www.bls.gov/oco/

OBJECTIVES:

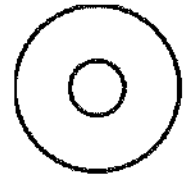
1. Apply decision-making skills to career and educational planning
2. Analyze the skills and abilities required in a variety of career options, and relate them to your own skills and abilities
3. Review health careers within the therapeutic, diagnostic, support, informational and environmental systems.

**QUESTIONS FROM TEXTS,
TEACHERS AND TESTS****THINKING PROCESSES****THINKING MAPS AS
TOOLS**

How are you defining this thing or idea? What is the context? What is your frame of reference?

**DEFINING IN
CONTEXT**

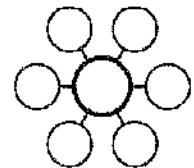
Circle
Map



How are you describing this thing?
Which adjectives would best describe this thing?

**DESCRIBING
QUALITIES**

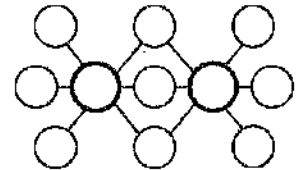
Bubble
Map



What are the similar and different qualities of these things? Which qualities do you value most? Why?

**COMPARING AND
CONTRASTING**

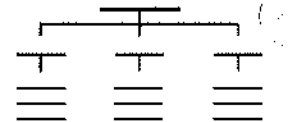
Double
Bubble
Map



What are the main ideas, supporting ideas and details in this information?

CLASSIFYING

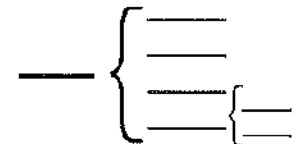
Tree
Map



What are the component parts and subparts of this whole physical object?

PART-WHOLE

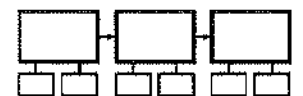
Brace
Map



What happened? What is the sequence of events?
What are the substages?

SEQUENCING

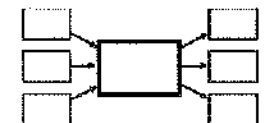
Flow
Map



What are the causes and effects of this event?
What might happen next?

CAUSE AND EFFECT

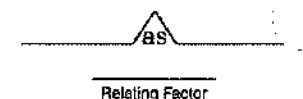
Multi-Flow
Map



What is the analogy being used? What is the guiding metaphor?

**SEEING
ANALOGIES**

Bridge
Map



Career Choice Worksheet

Name: _____ Career Choice: _____

Read **The Nature of Work or Summary** portion about the career you have selected or has been assigned.

- What did you learn that was surprising to you?
- What did you learn that confirmed your previous conceptions?
- What did you learn that was disappointing?
- What did you learn that was exciting?

Read the section on **Working Conditions**.

- Describe one positive aspect of your career choice.
- Describe one negative aspect of your career choice.

Read the section on **Training, Other Qualifications, and Advancement**.

- Briefly discuss the training, advancement, and other qualifications for this career.
- Name any state or national certification or license required for this career.
- Name and describe any special tests you are required to take.
- What other positions might be available in this career?

Read the section on **Job Outlook**.

- What is the job outlook for this career in the future?

Read the section on **Earnings**.

- What is the salary range for this career?

Read the section on **Related Occupations**.

- Name one related occupation that sounds interesting to you.

Read the section on **Sources of Additional Information**.

- Name one organization or group you can write to for more information about the career.