Sophomore Advisory

Career Exploration

» **PLEASE BE SEATED, SIGN INTO YOUR OWN DEVICE, AND GO TO OTHS.US** «

Presentation Key Points



WHAT TO CONSIDER WHILE EXPLORING CAREERS



INTRODUCTION TO ISBE CAREER GUIDE



REVIEW INTEREST INVENTORY RESULTS



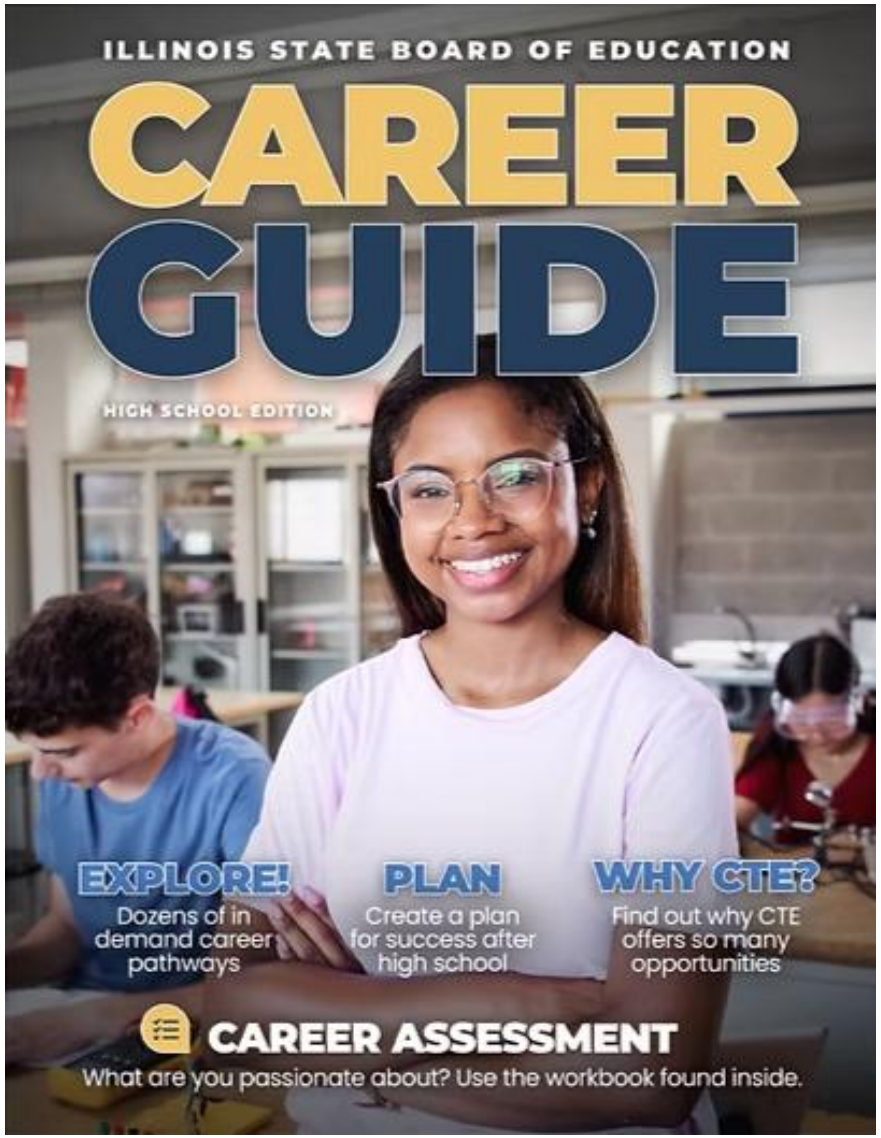
FINAL REMINDERS FOR END OF SEMESTER

CAREER EXPLORATION

Things to consider when looking at possible careers:

THINGS TO ASK YOURSELF:

- -What impact do I want to make on the world?
- -What is important to me: money, recognition, work/life balance?
- -Will I enjoy working indoor/outdoor or remote?
- -What do I like to do in my free time?
- -How much education is necessary for the career I may want?
- -What career have I always wanted to learn more about?
- -Will I need to relocate to find this career?



ISBE Career Guide

- Learn about 16 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Career Clusters
- Explore career options that lead to in demand career pathways in Illinois
- Learn about benefits CTE offers, including earning certifications, attaining dual credit and experiencing work-based learning.

Overview: 16 Career Clusters

































CAREER CLUSTERS DEFINITION:

Career clusters are groups of similar occupations and industries that share common skills and interests. They help students explore potential career paths by organizing jobs into broad categories based on their skills, interests, and abilities.

How to Use the Guide

Students – explore dozens of career options that lead to in demand career clusters! Narrowing down interests is an important step prior to college or the workplace!


-Example: Turn to page 17 to review Career Cluster


-Is this for me?


-What is it?


-What will I do?


-What jobs are in demand in Illinois?


-How much education is necessary for the career I may want?


-What is the job growth in the next 10 years?


-What's next? Review your career interest results in Pathful

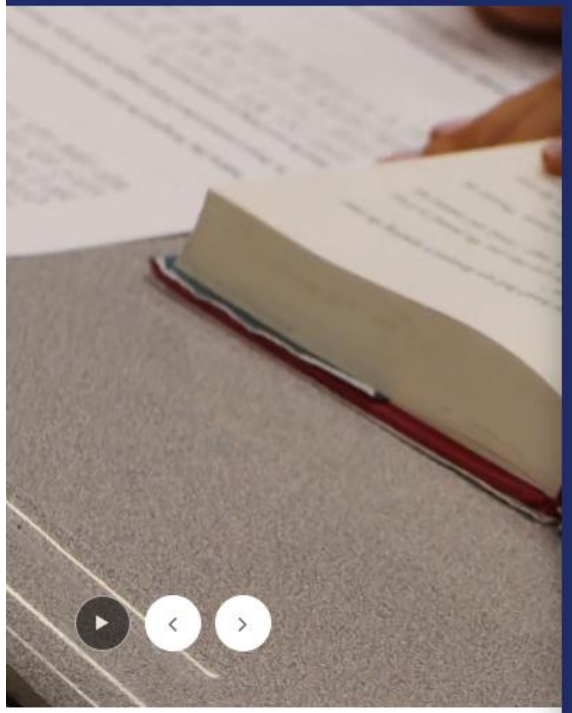
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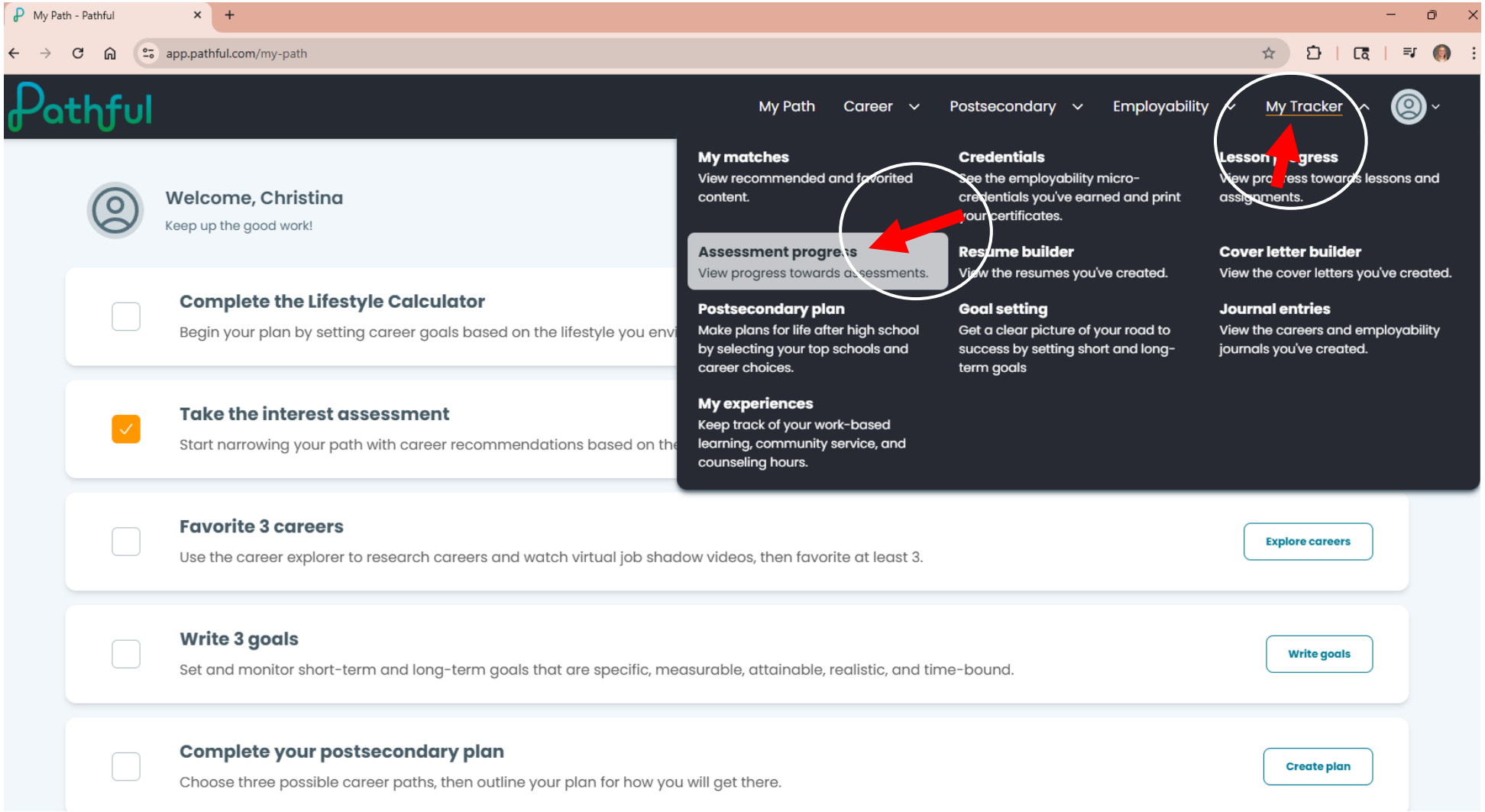
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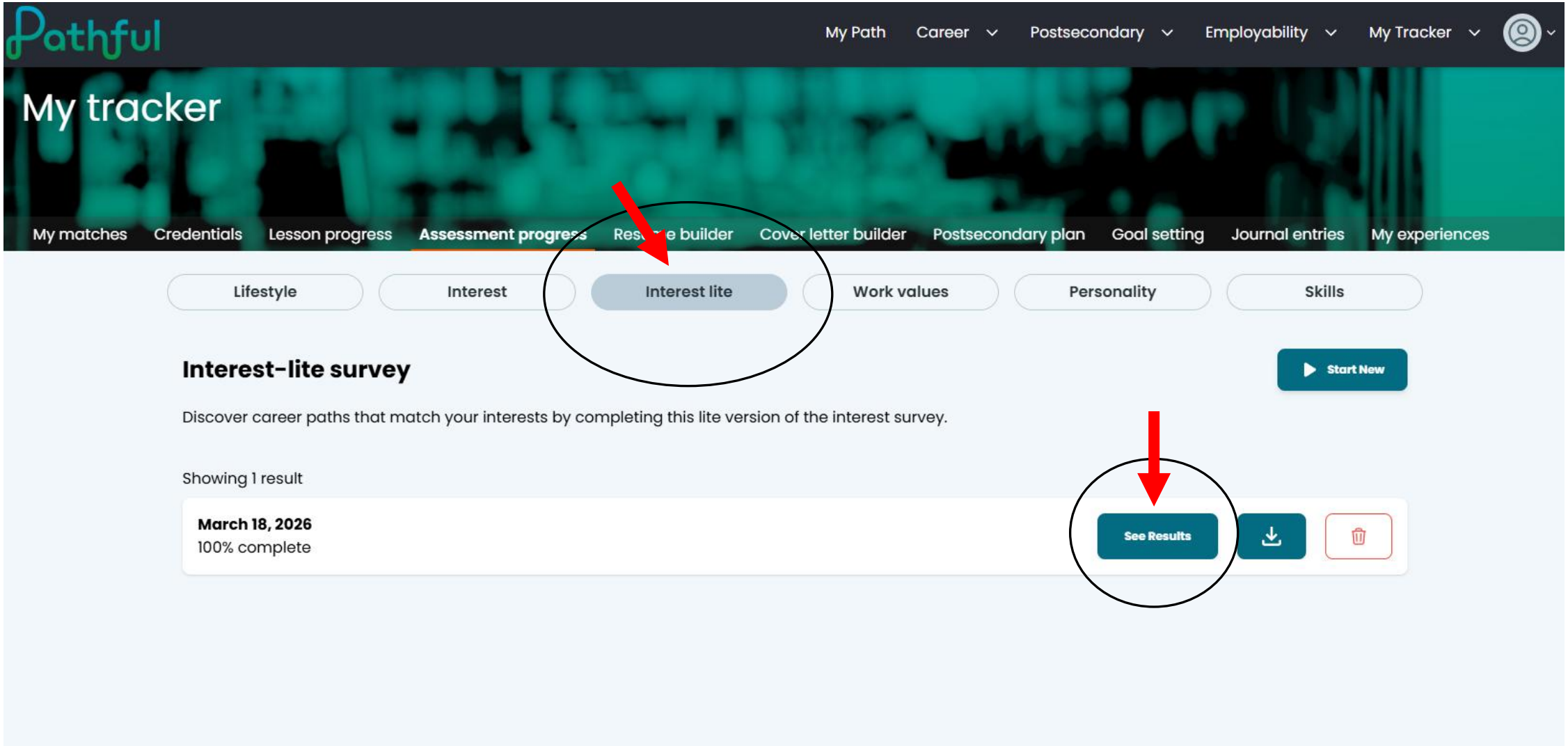


- Academic Assistance Center
- Attendance Hotline & Instructions
- Canvas
- Curriculum Guide/Course Information
- Daily Bulletin
- Device Check-Out Form
- Food Service Information
- Instructional Media Center IMC
- Office 365
- Panther Beat Broadcast
- Panther Bytes Videos
- Parking Pass Information
- Pathful
- School Counseling Department
- Social Work Department
- STAR Testing
- Student Handbook
- Transcript Requests/Parchment
- Work Permits

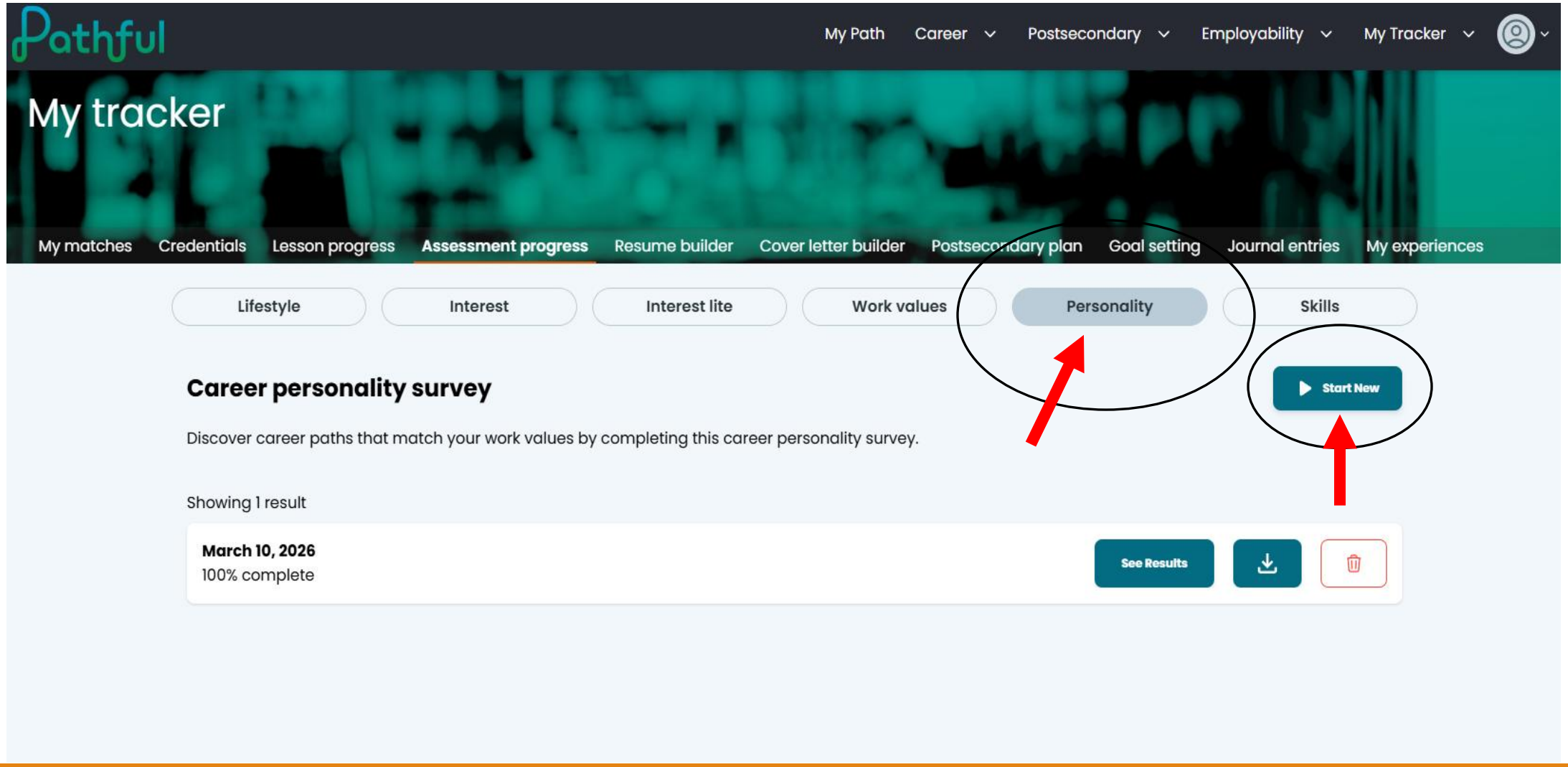



My Path - Pathful
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Career
Postsecondary
Employability
My Tracker
My matches
View recommended and favorited content.
Credentials
See the employability micro-credentials you've earned and print your certificates.
Lesson progress
View progress towards lessons and assignments.
Assessment progress
View progress towards assessments.
Resume builder
View the resumes you've created.
Cover letter builder
View the cover letters you've created.
Postsecondary plan
Make plans for life after high school by selecting your top schools and career choices.
Goal setting
Get a clear picture of your road to success by setting short and long-term goals
Journal entries
View the careers and employability journals you've created.
My experiences
Keep track of your work-based learning, community service, and counseling hours.
Welcome, Christina
Keep up the good work!
Complete the Lifestyle Calculator
Begin your plan by setting career goals based on the lifestyle you envi
Take the interest assessment
Start narrowing your path with career recommendations based on the
Favorite 3 careers
Use the career explorer to research careers and watch virtual job shadow videos, then favorite at least 3.
Explore careers
Write 3 goals
Set and monitor short-term and long-term goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound.
Write goals
Complete your postsecondary plan
Choose three possible career paths, then outline your plan for how you will get there.
Create plan

If you completed an Interest Inventory, click on “Interest Lite” and “See Results.”



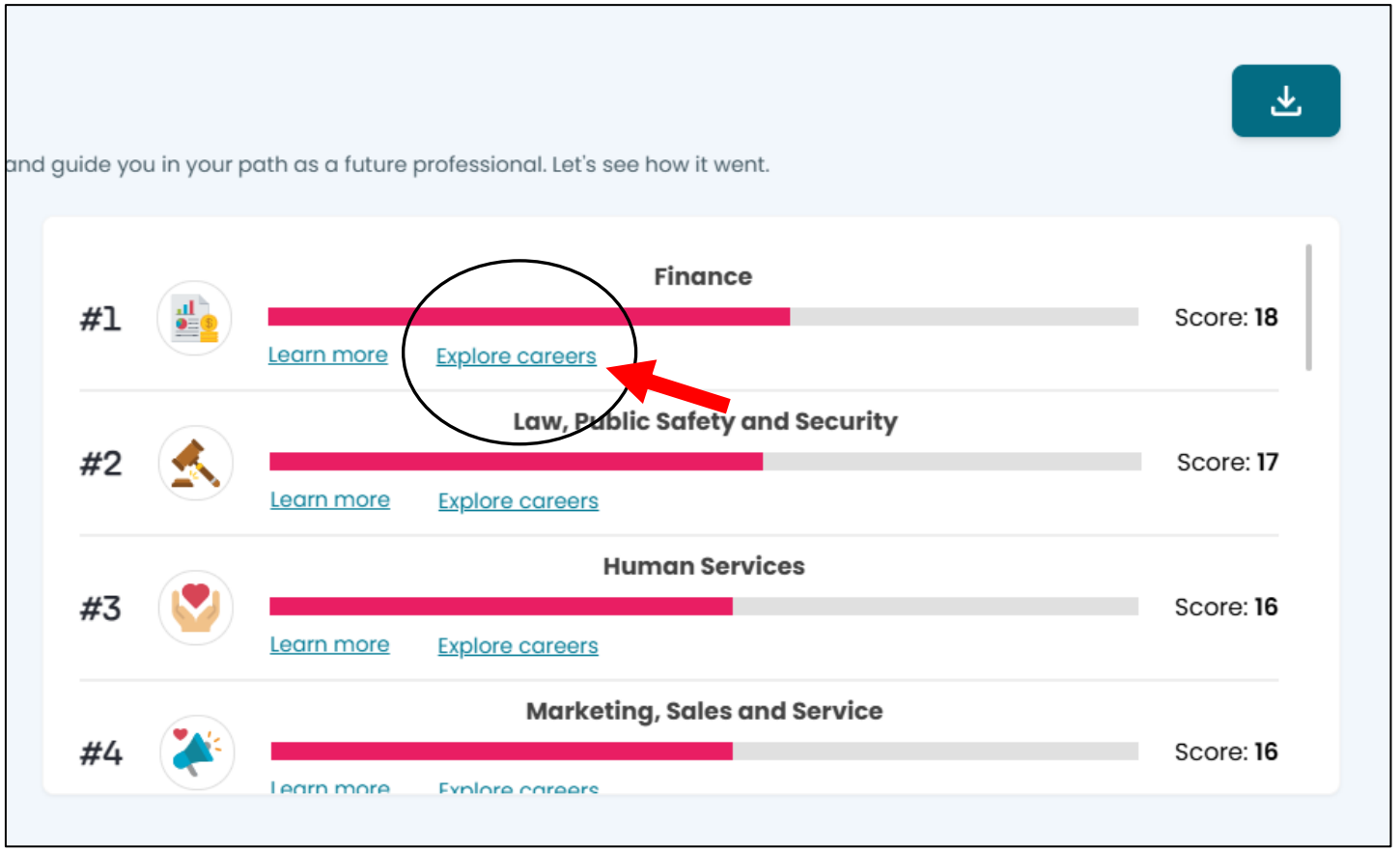
If you didn’t complete an Interest Inventory, click on “Personality” and “Start Now.” Once completed, view your results.

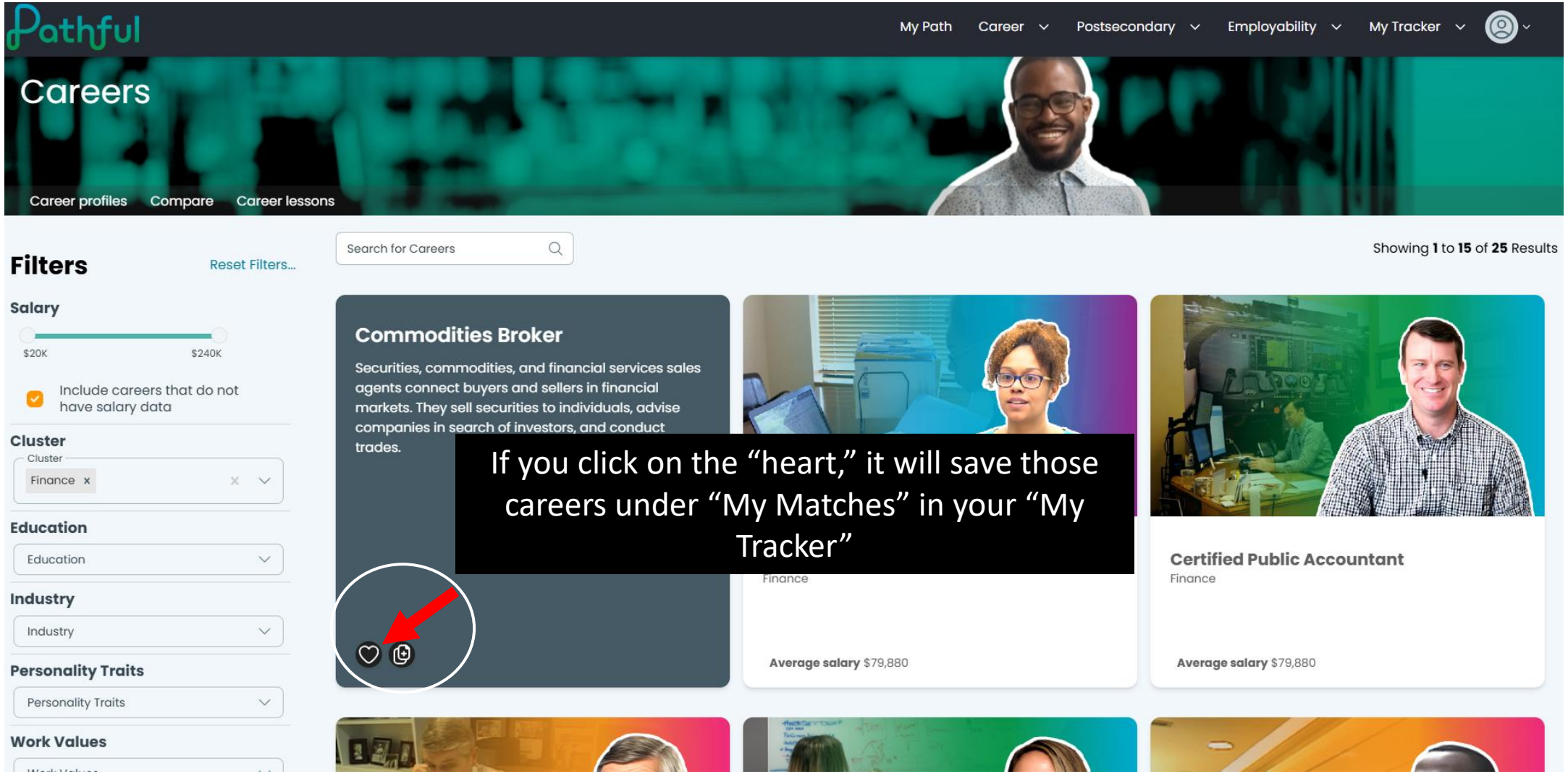


Once you've reached the results page…

1st – Open your ISBE Career Guide to page 3 and star your top 3 career cluster results from Pathful

2nd - Click on "*Explore Careers*" to review specific careers within that cluster.

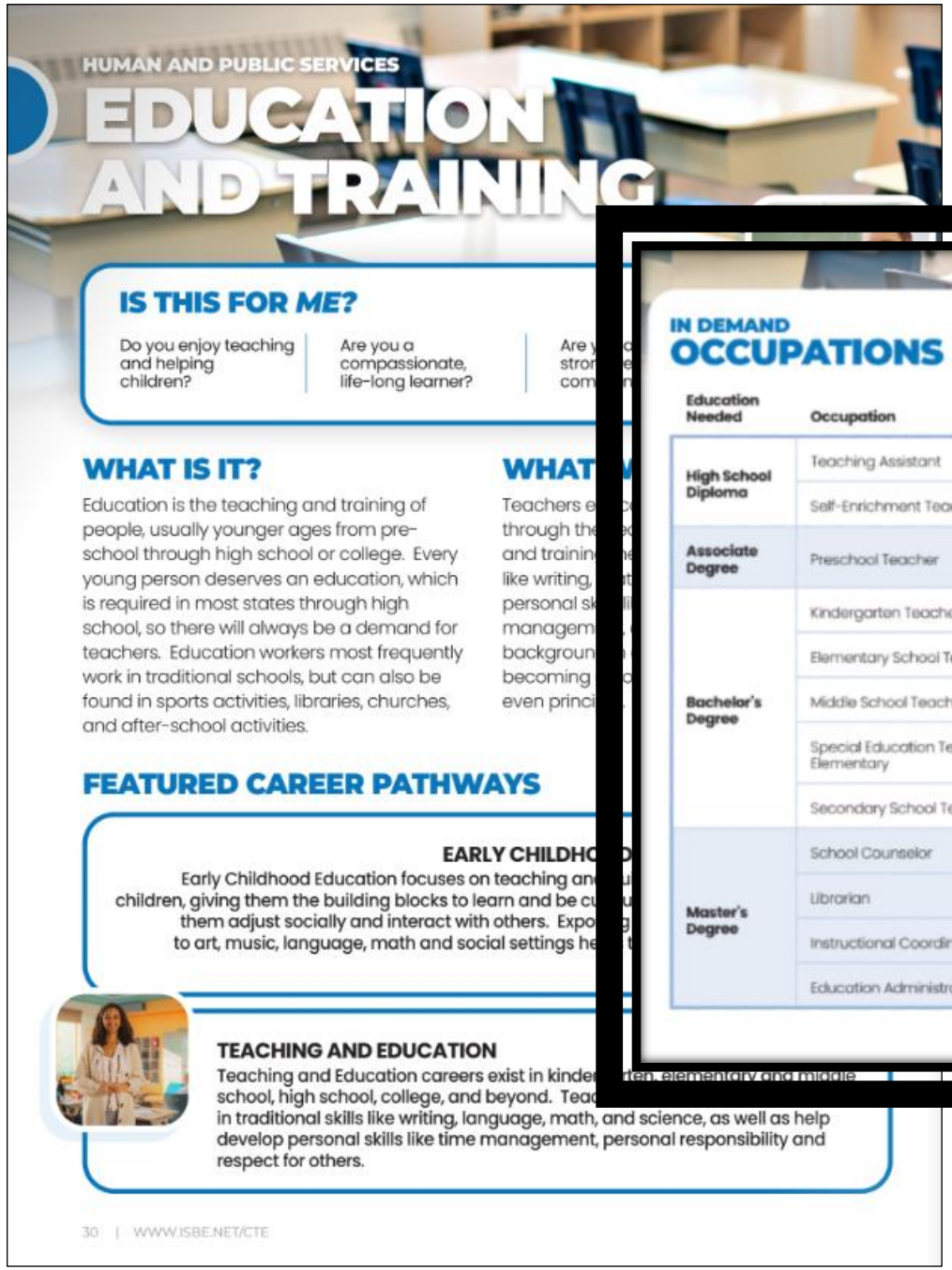



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Postsecondary
Employability
My Tracker
Careers
Career profiles
Compare
Career lessons
Filters
Reset Filters...
Search for Careers
Showing 1 to 15 of 25 Results
Salary
$20K
$240K
Include careers that do not have salary data
Cluster
Cluster
Finance
Education
Education
Industry
Industry
Personality Traits
Personality Traits
Work Values
Commodities Broker
Securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents connect buyers and sellers in financial markets. They sell securities to individuals, advise companies in search of investors, and conduct trades.
Finance
Average salary $79,880
Certified Public Accountant
Finance
Average salary $79,880
If you click on the “heart,” it will save those careers under “My Matches” in your “My Tracker”

Now let's explore those careers in your ISBE CAREER GUIDE

- Go to page 3 and review your starred career clusters
- Pick one and go to that page
- Example:
  - Find "Human Services" on page 3 under "Human and Public Services"
  - Turn to page 34-35
  - Review "In Demand Occupations in Illinois"
  - Look through the Occupations, the education needed for each occupation, the median salary for those occupations and the projected growth over the next 10 years

Why? To know the educational requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in your selected career cluster in Illinois.





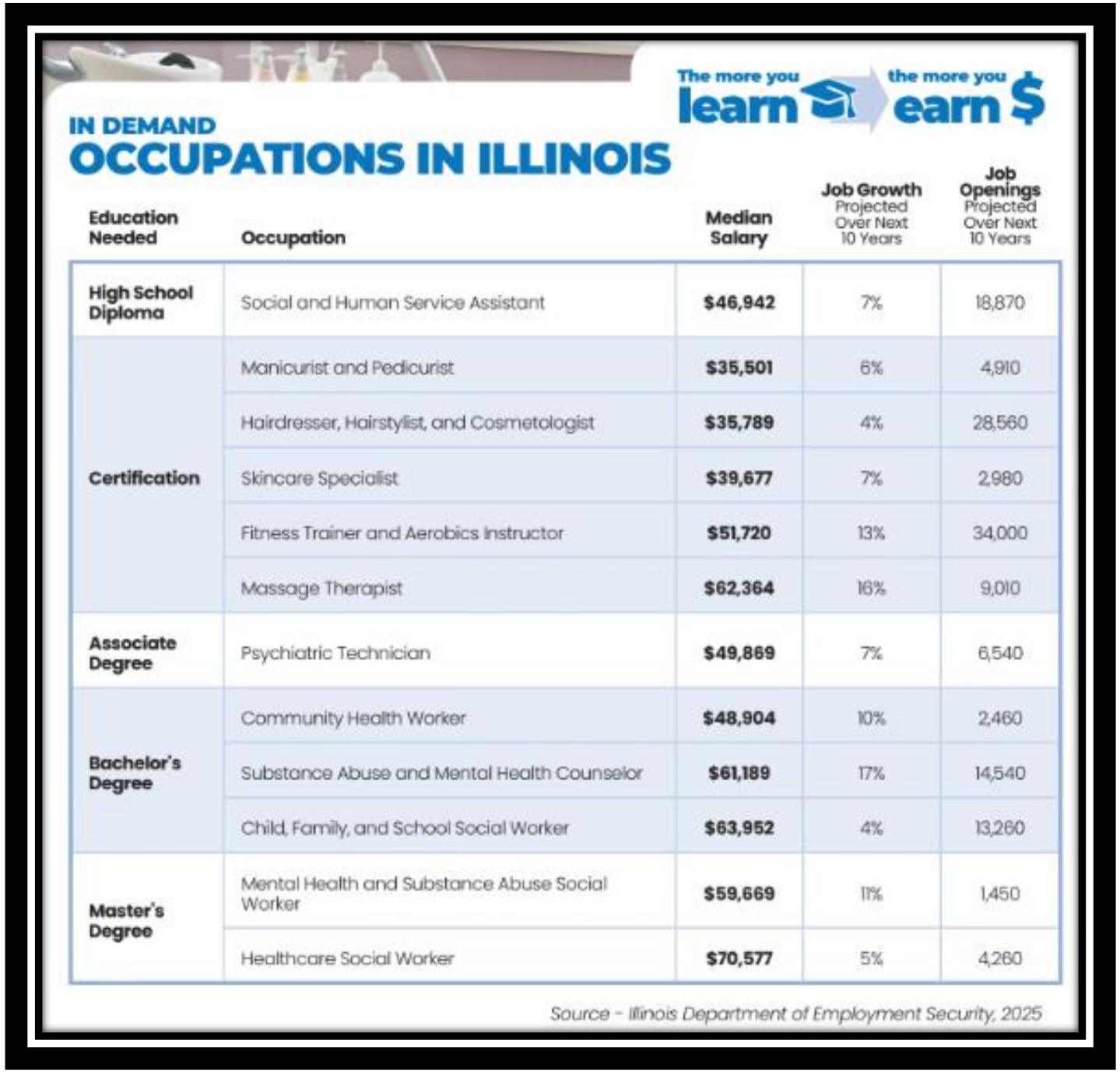
Education Needed	Occupation	Median Salary	Job Growth Projected Over Next 10 Years	Job Openings Projected Over Next 10 Years
High School Diploma	Teaching Assistant	$36,752	3%	65,030
	Self-Enrichment Teacher	$44,035	3%	15,300
Associate Degree	Preschool Teacher	$38,232	12%	24,310
Bachelor's Degree	Kindergarten Teacher	$64,353	3%	4,460
	Elementary School Teacher	$65,904	3%	40,790
	Middle School Teacher	$66,561	3%	15,800
	Special Education Teacher - Kindergarten and Elementary	$78,240	2%	8,080
	Secondary School Teacher	$79,113	3%	29,070
Master's Degree	School Counselor	$62,874	6%	10,760
	Librarian	$64,055	3%	5,150
	Instructional Coordinator	$77,819	3%	7,820
	Education Administrator - K-12	$110,573	3%	9,010

Source - Illinois Department of Employment Security, 2025

Human Services Example Cont.

- Occupations within Cluster:
  - School Counselor
  - Mental Health Counselor
  - Social Worker
  - Fitness Trainer
  - Cosmetology
- Suggested OTHS Courses:
  - Sociology
  - Growth and Dev. Of Children
  - Personal Wellness
  - Family Health Maintenance
  - Human Anatomy & Physiology

Next Steps > talk to your school counselor about what classes to take that align with YOUR selected career cluster!



The more you learn the more you earn $

IN DEMAND

OCCUPATIONS IN ILLINOIS

Education Needed	Occupation	Median Salary	Job Growth Projected Over Next 10 Years	Job Openings Projected Over Next 10 Years
High School Diploma	Social and Human Service Assistant	$46,942	7%	18,870
Certification	Manicurist and Pedicurist	$35,501	6%	4,910
	Hairdresser, Hairstylist, and Cosmetologist	$35,789	4%	28,560
	Skincare Specialist	$39,677	7%	2,980
	Fitness Trainer and Aerobics Instructor	$51,720	13%	34,000
	Massage Therapist	$62,364	16%	9,010
Associate Degree	Psychiatric Technician	$49,869	7%	6,540
Bachelor's Degree	Community Health Worker	$48,904	10%	2,460
	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counselor	$61,189	17%	14,540
	Child, Family, and School Social Worker	$63,952	4%	13,260
Master's Degree	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Worker	$59,669	11%	1,450
	Healthcare Social Worker	$70,577	5%	4,260

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A Few Reminders…

1. Check your course selections for next school year on your Skyward account.

2. Are there any classes at OTHS that you could take that match your career results?

3. Make sure to make all schedule changes to your future schedule prior to leaving for summer vacation!

4. There are very few dates over the summer to change schedules…..Make those changes before you leave for summer!!



Visit the School Counseling Website:

OTHS Sophomore Year Resources