# Middle School Career Investigations: Course Overview

## Course Overview

Welcome to Commonwealth Cascades!

## Introduction

Caleb and Makayla, two middle school friends, will guide you through the park. Together, you will encounter different employees who will share information about jobs and careers that are a part of the sixteen career clusters. This interactivity will show you what you can expect to see and do in this content.

## Concepts

You will explore the following 16 career clusters:

* Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources;
* Architecture and Construction;
* Arts, A/V Technology and Communications;
* Business Management and Administration;
* Education and Training;
* Finance
* Government and Public Administration;
* Health Science;
* Hospitality and Tourism;
* Human Services;
* Information Technology;
* Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security;
* Manufacturing;
* Marketing;
* Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; and
* Transportation, Distribution and Logistics.

## Student Resources Section

The first area you should know about is the Student Resources section. This page is filled with resources you can use to help you with assignments and projects. It also includes helpful links filled with information about career and job options.

## Map

Once you finish reviewing the content in this learning object, you will be presented with a map of *Commonwealth Cascades*.

Take a few minutes to examine the map of Commonwealth Cascades.

There are 16 markers on the amusement park map. Each marker is correlated to one of the 16 career cluster topics.

## Topic

You will notice that every topic has the same sections that you can navigate through using the arrows at the bottom of each page or through the links under each marker on the amusement park map.

You will spend time in each section, starting with the Introduction page. The Content page is where you will focus a majority of your time. Here you will watch instructional videos and go through various interactivities to help you understand the material and explore career pathways and needed work place skills. The Student Resources sections has more information about how to navigate these videos and interactivities.

## Quiz

The third part of each topic contains a quiz about the career cluster. You will have three attempts to get a 75% or higher. EACH time you take the quiz, you should print or take a screenshot of your certificate to have a record of your score. Your teacher will tell you how to submit your certificate with the highest score.

## Summary

Each topic ends with a summary page that reviews some key points about the career cluster.

Afterwards, you will return to the map to pick a new marker (career cluster) to start a new topic.

## Conclusion

It’s time to get started. Visit the map to start your exploration of *Commonwealth Cascades*.