# Middle School Career Investigations: Education and Training Pathways

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Within the Education and Training Career Cluster, there are three pathways: Administration and Administrative Support, Professional Support Services, and Teaching and Training. Click on the buttons to learn more about the pathways. Make sure to visit each one.

## Administration and Administrative Support Description

Professionals in the Administration and Administrative Support Pathway provide direction, leadership, and day-to-day management of educational activities in schools, preschools, daycare centers, colleges, universities, businesses and industries, correctional institutions, museums, and job training and community service organizations.

## Administration and Administrative Support Sample Careers

Sample careers in the Administration and Administrative Support Pathway include Instructional Coordinator, School Principal, School Superintendent, and Training and Development Manager.

## Administration and Administrative Support Description

All careers within the Administration and Administrative Support Pathway require some level of higher education. A School Superintendent requires a Master’s Degree and some may require a Ph.D. They have an average salary of $102,190. Training and Development Managers requires a Bachelor’s Degree and have an average salary of $134,180.

## Professional Support Services Description

Professionals in the Professional Support Services Pathway include counselors, psychologists, social workers, speech-language pathologists, and audiologists who assist people with personal and family needs, mental health assistance, educational goals and career decision making.

## Professional Support Services Sample Careers

Sample careers in the Professional Support Services Pathway include Audiologist, Instructional Developer, Marriage and Family Therapist, Mental Health Counselor, and Speech-Language Pathologist.

## Professional Support Services Description

All careers within the Professional Support Services Pathway require some level of higher education. A Mental Health Counselor requires at least a Bachelor’s Degree and may require a Master’s Degree or Ph.D. depending on the position. Mental Health Counselors have an average salary of $48,990. An Audiologist requires at least a Bachelor’s Degree and may require a Master’s Degree or Ph.D. depending on the position. They have an average salary of $77,030.

## Teaching and Training Description

Professionals in the Teaching and Training Pathway recognize and respond to individual differences in diverse learners and employ different teaching/training methods that will result in higher learner achievement. They have the ability to communicate, inspire trust and confidence, and motivate learners.

## Teaching and Training Sample Careers

Sample careers in the Teaching and Training Pathway include Coach at the Secondary Level, Elementary School Teacher, Secondary School Teacher, Special Education Teacher, Teacher Assistant, and Training Specialist.

## Teaching and Training Description

Most careers within the Teaching and Training Pathway require some level of higher education. An Elementary School Teacher requires a Master’s Degree and a license in the state where they teach. Elementary School Teachers have an average salary of $68,460. A Teaching Assistant requires an Associate Degree, as well as a certification. They have an average salary of $28,890.