Infusing Career Across the Curriculum CANNEXUS 2019



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Preparing Educators for Career Across the Curriculum

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1. Career **Influencers: Teachers** as **Every Day** Career Helpers



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"If not us, who?": Post-Secondary Professionals as 'Everyday Career Influencers'

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Who is responsible for career development?

What is a career centre?

Who influences your career? Poll at KPU (2016)

aboriginal services coordinator

academic advisor

admissions advisor

alumni services officer

assessment and testing coordinator

career services advisor

counsellor

disability advisor



financial aid and awards coordinator

instructor/professor

interfaith centre staff

learning strategist/ facilitator

librarian

orientation leader

recreation coordinator

registrar's office staff

student club executive

student life coordinator

student recruiter

student society staff member

university administrator (e.g., dean, department chair)

volunteer services coordinator

other (fill in the blank)

1. Professionals see their role impacting student career development by performing these functions:



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"The professional cultivates relationships with external organizations and agencies to enhance student career success"



Implications for Practice

Core Implication for K-12:

With relatively modest levels of preparation, we can increase the awareness of the role **teachers** play **as career influencers**, and at the same time increase their comfort level - their threshold - for providing effective career interventions for students in any subject at any grade level.

2: Foundations of Career Development



Career Development and Social Justice

Displaced workers due to technological innovation

Immigration and rising tensions based on differences in ethnicity culture and religion Economic hardship and uncertainty

Rising nationalism and interest in "protecting values" through isolationist policies

How can we help our young people make their way in a complex and uncertain world?

When you were a child, did you imagine being a ...

Nano-mechanic?

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Old age wellness manager?

Memory augmentation surgeon?

Weather modification police?

Waste data handler?

Social networking worker?

Parallel programmer?

Career development specialist?

When I was young, I imagined being in ...

Law (7 - 15)

Hockey (9 - 11)

Computing (14+)

Mathematics (17 - 18)

Teaching (8 - 10; 15 - 16; 18+)

Counselling (18)

Career Development (20)

In all of these, I was a victim of experiential learning!

Isn't it odd that ...

What we do and how we got here is rarely a function of what we planned?



Isn't it odd that ...

The word "career" holds multiple meanings for people, and almost nobody uses it the way we do?

YOU HAVE TO BE ODD TO BE NUMBER ONE

Dr. Seuss



Career:

The constellation of life-roles an individual plays over his or her lifetime.



The Life - Career Rainbow

Source: Super, D. E. & Minor, F. J., (1987) Career Development Planning in Organizations. In B. Bass & P. Drenih (Eds.) Advances in Organizational Psychology, International Review (pp., 83-98) Sage Press, Beverly Hills, CA Reproduced by permission of Sage Publications, Inc.

It is one's "life story".

Shifting Thinking in Schools

- Moving from a focus on the "what" of career (e.g., occupational choice) to the "how" of career
- Requires process knowledge, not content knowledge
- Assumes a developmental stance



Foundations of Career Development

Big Picture: What is career development?

Core Competency: Teachers will be able to define "career" and identify the essential challenges young people face.

- The Changing World of Occupations
- Changing Conceptions of "Career"
- "Career" and "Career Planning" Defined
- Career in Personal and Cultural Contexts

3.The Kind of Help Needed: Four challenges facing youth



Coherent Career Practice Cannexus 2008

Career Literacy

How do I acquire and then make sense of all of the information available to me so I can make choices that will benefit me in the future?





Career Gumption

How do I find hope? Once found, how do I build and sustain the enthusiasm, energy and just plain will to be continuously adaptive?



²³ My motivators

Career Context

Where do I fit in this world? What is available to me? How do I achieve a balance between my needs and all of the forces and influences around me?

My world



Career Integrity

How do I make all of these decisions, and take all of these actions, in a way that allows me to maintain a sense of who I am? How do I take pride in what I do?



My place

4: A **Framework** for Helping:

Five Processes of Career Planning



The 5 Processes of Career Planning



The Career Planning Model



Pride Passion Purpose Performance Poise

Engage	Quest for meaning	I have hope	
Explore	Quest for opportunity	I have options	
Decide	Quest for clarity	I have a direction	
Prepare	Quest for competence	l have a plan	
Implement	Quest for action	I have confidence	

5 : A Focus for Helping: Five Survival Skills



5 Career Survival Skills

- 1.Self-assessing: What do I have to offer (especially KSA's and what is important to me)?
- 2.Opportunity scanning: How do I identify needs and opportunities?
- 3.Creative connecting: How do I connect what I have to offer with the need or opportunity, and develop plans?
- 4.Showing impact: how will I demonstrate the value of what I did?
- 5.Telling others: Who needs to know about the difference I have made, and how shall I tell them?

6 : Documenting Development:

Dynamic Personal Portfolios



Portfolio Organization:

Answering Coherent Questions



Portfolio Content

Career Survival Skills

	Self- Assessing	Opportunity Scanning	Creative Connecting	Showing Impact	Telling Others
Engaging					
Exploring					
Deciding					
Preparing					
Sustaining					



Questions?



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The High 5 Process Guide



Teach process, not content

Entry/re-entry to various forms of learning

Provide opportunities for meaningful engagement

Provide opportunities to create and sustain relationships

Create opportunity webs