

FutureMe Lesson Plan

Connecting the Dots: Course to Career

LESSON TOPIC:

Spark excitement for your course with a simple, high-impact career exploration activity!

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

Jumpstart your class with an engaging ~45 min. exploration activity helping students:

- See connections between their course and their own aspirations
- Build self awareness around their aspirations/interests
- Practice collaborating with AI in a safe environment

TARGET STANDARDS:

CCTC Career Ready Practices (CRPs)

- Plan education & career paths aligned to personal goals (CRP #10)
- Employ valid & reliable research strategies (CRP #7)
- Use technology to enhance productivity (CRP #11)

PREP NEEDED:

- Ensure students will be allowed to access the URL for FutureMe (no signup necessary)
- Make a copy of the Exit Ticket Google Form

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE:

We know every classroom is different, which is why the following sample roadmap is just a starting point. It's designed to come alive with your creativity and your students' energy. We are excited to support you as you bring FutureMe into your classroom toolbox!

1 Warm-Up & Intro (5-10 min)

Discuss

Let students know they will be finding interesting careers using AI!

You can get the energy going by asking your class:

- *"What are some things you're interested in outside of school?"*
- *"If you could do anything, and earn a salary for it, what would it be?"*
- *"What's the craziest job you know of?"*

Share link to FutureMe

futureme.hopestreetgroup.org/demo/cte-intro

2 Set Up & Quick Share (5 min)

In FutureMe: Answer intro questions

Students click the URL and answer the first 2 questions:

- What course/pathway are you in?
- What are some things you're interested in? (hobbies, interests, etc)

The AI (named Hope) will generate 3 lifelike professionals who are at the intersection of their course and interests.

Discuss

Have students share out **one job title** that caught their attention.

3 Initial Exploration (10 min)

In FutureMe: Generate professionals

Students choose 1 of the 3 generated lifelike professionals and start chatting.

Prompt them to ask things like:

- *"What's your average day like?"*
- *"How much money do you make?"*
- *"What schooling/training did you need?"*

Discuss

Student discourse really helps during these next sections.

- *Ex: "Turn and talk" between sections. Do groups of 2-4 for whole activity. Or do a whole class share-out at the end.*

4 Deeper Exploration (15 min)

In FutureMe: Students talk to 2nd pro

Students go back to Hope and choose a second pro from the list to talk to.

Or they can have Hope generate 3 new professionals by sharing new/adjusted interests.

- *Ex: "Hey I'm actually not interested in anything that relies on math. Also I really want to travel for work."*

Try to get them to ask deeper questions

- *"What surprised you about this job?"*
- *"Any advice for someone like me?"*
- *"What can I can do now in high school to prepare myself for this career?"*



5 Exit Ticket (5-10 min)

Share link to Google Form

Send students the link to the copy you made of the exit ticket Google Form.

- (If you still need to make a copy, click here)

Encourage students to reflect upon what they learned

- *Which professionals did you speak with? Was there anything you learned that excited you about your class?*
- *Was there anything you learned about how to collaborate with AI?*
- *Was there anything you learned about yourself? (things you're interested in or things you're not interested in)*

💡 Teacher Tips

- Keep it light, curious, and flexible — this activity meets students where they are and builds momentum for deeper career learning
- In whatever way fits your classroom, encourage students to talk to one another (share what pros they're finding, what kinds of questions they're asking, and anything fun/weird/surprising they're learning)
- As you're monitoring or walking around the class, refer to the cheat sheet of q's you might suggest your students ask their pros

Questions, feedback, or ideas? We'd love to hear from you: info@hopestreetgroup.org

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