

Program pros and cons

Student instructions

Once you have a career in mind, you can plan for the education and training you'll need after high school. Having career goals can help you pick a program that fits and further evaluate the **Important factor** of education; are you interested in completing the required education or training for this career? In this activity you'll decide which type of program works best for 2 saved careers by creating a career-based goal in Xello.

- 1 For 2 saved careers read the **Education & training** section and review the list of **Related programs** on the career profile.
- 2 Access and read the program profiles and see if you can identify different education pathways for each career. Save at least 2 **Programs** for each career (4 total) that you think are a good fit:
 - How would this program prepare you for a career you like?
 - Will you be on the right path for a career you like once you finish your studies?
 - What are the benefits and challenges of the program?
- 3 Under **Goals & plans** in Xello, select Add a Plan. Enter one of the careers you researched as the title, and then choose A School Choice for Step 2. Click through Step 3, then scroll down to Pathways on the next page, select Add School/Major next to A School Choice, and follow the prompts to add two **Related programs**. You may also add a school or schools to this pathway if you'd like.
- 4 Under Careers, add the career. In the text field underneath, add your thoughts about both programs you saved related to the career:
 - What are 2 pros and 2 cons for each program?
- 5 Create a second career-based goal under **Goals & plans** for the other career you researched.