



Career Finder Scavenger Hunt – Non-Traditional Careers by Gender

In this activity you will learn about non-traditional career options for men and women.

Directions:

- 1) Log into your portfolio at www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov.
- 2) Select the Career Planning link from the top of the page.
- 3) Next, choose the Explore Careers link. This link is found at the top of the screen and in the middle.
- 4) In the box titled Career Exploration Tools, select the Career Finder link.

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5) From the Career Finder page, notice the list of characteristics on the left side of the page.

6) Look to the very bottom left of your screen and select the Careers by Gender link. On the next screen, check the non-traditional careers for women box. Finally, select the See Your Matching Careers link.

7) On the next screen, how many careers are defined as non-traditional for women? **156**

8) Click on the yellow arrows in the State Average Annual Salary box, to find the highest paying non-traditional career for women. **Hint: To find this most quickly, select the link titled last at the bottom of the page.**

What non-traditional career for women is the highest paying?

Oral Surgeon

What is the salary for this career? **\$180,875**

9) Now, click on the yellow arrows in the Education Level box. How many non-traditional careers for women require an Associate's degree? **2**

Look to the top left side of your screen, and select the yellow Explore Careers link. On the next screen, select the Career Finder link. Now, choose the clear your choices and start again. You will now explore non-traditional careers for men. On the next screen, check the non-



traditional careers for men box. Finally, select the See Your Matching Careers link.

10) How many careers are defined as non-traditional for men? **57**

11) Click on the yellow arrows in the State Average Annual Salary box, to find the highest paying non-traditional career for men. **Hint: To find this most quickly, select the link titled last at the bottom of the page.**

What non-traditional career for men is the highest paying? **Dental Hygienist**

What is the salary for this career? **\$62,132**

9) Now, click on the yellow arrows in the Education Level box. How many non-traditional careers for men require an Associate's degree? **6**

Reflection

Are you interested in any careers considered non-traditional for your gender?

Were you surprised by any careers considered non-traditional for either gender? If so, which ones. If you were not surprised by any of the careers considered non-traditional, why is this?