



Your path into ocean work

Lesson plan: routes into ocean careers through study, training, volunteering and internships, a personal plan and a practice application



Ages	14 to 18 (grades 9 to 12)
Time	60 minutes
Group	Up to 36 students, working alone then in pairs
Where	Any classroom. No internet needed.
You need	The slides, one planner and application sheet per student, and students' job fair worksheets from lesson 1

What students learn

- That there are several routes into ocean careers.
- Examples of Philippine institutions that offer fisheries and marine science study.
- How to plan concrete steps towards a career.
- How to write a short application backed by evidence.

Before the lesson

1. Print one **planner and application sheet** per student.
2. Ask students to bring their job fair worksheets from lesson 1.

The lesson

- 1 **More than one path 10 minutes, slides 1 to 3.** Stress that volunteering and training count, not only degrees.
- 2 **Internships 5 minutes, slide 4.** Show how internships bridge study and work.
- 3 **Plan your path 20 minutes, slide 5.** Students complete the planner.
- 4 **Write an application 20 minutes, slide 6.** Students write and swap.
- 5 **Wrap up 5 minutes, slide 7.** Discuss one or two questions.

Answers and what to listen for

What makes a good application paragraph: it names specific things the student has done (a clean-up, a school project, a language they speak), links each to the role, and is short and clear. Encourage evidence over enthusiasm.

Making it easier or harder

- **Younger groups:** skip the application and focus on the planner.
- **Older groups:** research the real admission requirements for one programme and add them to the plan.
- **Local link:** MCP welcomes questions from students interested in conservation careers.

Curriculum links

- **Career guidance and Life and Career Skills:** planning, applications, self-presentation.
- **English:** persuasive writing.
- **Ocean Literacy Principle 6:** the ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected.

The teacher reading has the science behind every slide, with links to the sources.

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