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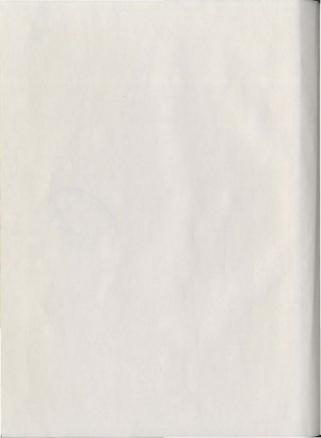
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The purpose of this study was to develop, implement and evaluate a short-term Career Awareness program for delivery to minth grade students attending rural achools in Newfoundjand.

Two hundred and six students from 10 tural schools participated in this study: Students from one-half the participating schools were post-test@ only after participation in the program, while the remaining students were pre-tested and post-tested with the Garser Maturity Inventory (CMI). The two-hour audio-visual program was administered to addents during the first two weeks of February and the first two weeks of March, 1979. Each Career Awareness program contained four (4) film-strips, two (2) cassette tapes with recordings on each side, student work sheets to accompany the filmstrips, and a Career Awareness-Tescher-Mammial. A teacher evaluation form was sent to each participating teacher to assess the teacher's reaction to the program.

The results of the CMI were analyzed to answer each research question. Intents were conducted on the data to determine if any significant differences existed in career maturity as a result of exposure to the program, if significant differences fisted between the February and March groups, and if significant differences existed between sean accrea of students who attended, schools with a part-the commellor and schools with no counsellor. The results of the analysis of variance indicated that significant differences did exist between the mean pre-test and post-test scores of the groups who were

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The results of the evaluation form were analyzed to assess the teacher's reaction to the Career Awareness program. The results of the analyzis of the data indicated that teachers who administered the program fast it was effective with respect to the sailo and visual portions. The results revealed that the teachers full their students would also rate the program as being effective. In addition, all teachers surveyed indicated a willingness to use the program again.

The conclusion, was that significant differences did not octur

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THE PROBLEM

Many schools in North America have developed and implemented career education programs. A large number of these programs were designed to be incorporated into the entire school from K-12, while others were directed towards selected grades (Cross, 1970; Hilwards and Solcus, 1970; Diana, 1974; Owen, 1975; Grawford, 1977). In an address concerning career education in general, Martin (1972) stated i "Civen the cugrent videopread interests, it is surprising how recently career education has merged as a national interest" (p. 25). Career education seems to be gaining support from all people, both directly and fadirectly involved with the educational system (Martin, 1971; Bedal and Manuel, 1975; Briggs, 1975).

Bedal and Mismal (1975) noted that in Canada carrer adjustion, programs are not as abundant in comparison to those in the United Styres, but "carear education Will be found sore and more in schools across Canada" (p. 347). To date, in Newfoundland and Labrador, pó common carear education course has been designed and implemented for schools or grades in the Newfoundland school system. Many schools in Newfoundland also lack the services of a full-time counsellor, who could provide students with valuable carear information (Kennety, 1978).

The purpose of this study was to develop, implement and evaluate a Carear-Awarendes Program. This program was designed as a short-teen audio-visual presentation which could be administered to students by untrained personnel. The program was short-teen since this would make it available to the students and teacher without much disruption of the hormal class schedule. The program consisted of four filmstrips with accompanying cassette tapes, a teacher's manual and student work sheets.

The Career Awareness program was implemented in 12 schools throughout the rural areas of Newfoundland. The entire program was delivered to the students in four sessions, with each aession being approximately one class period (30 minutes) in length. The program was implemented in the schools over a six week period.

The evaluation of this study consisted in part of post-tests administered to one-half of the participants and a pre-test and post-test administered to the remaining participants. Specifically, the evaluation of the program attempted to answer two questions:

- Does a short-term Career Awareness program change the career haturity of ninth grade students in rural Newfoundland?
- Is there any significant difference of career maturity of minth gradd students attending schools with part-time counsellors compared to schools with no counsellor?

Importance of the Study

The number of career education programs in schools in Canada have been growing during the past few years and it is forecast that career education programs will continue to infiltrate the Canadian school system (Sedal and Manual, 1975). Students in rural settings, as compared to those in urban areas, are at a disadvantage with respect to career education. The results of research have shown that rural students have less realistic knowledge of the world of work and its opportunities than those in orban areas. Students in rural areas do not frequent information centers where available, nor do they deliberately seek information from counsellors, teachers or other beneficial persons as often as urban students (Hilverds and Solcum, 1970; Pucinski, 1972; Hackney, 1975; Sartín, 1977).

In Newfoundland and Labrador, many schools are without counsellors. Only 53 counsellors, of whom 35 are full-time, provide services to some of the 697 schools, Divided among Newfoundland and Labrador's 461 elementary schools, 72 elementary and secondary schools, 28 juntor high schools, and 136 high schools are two counsellors at the system level, 16 part-time counsellors, and 35 full-time counsellors (Kennedy, 1978).

In January, 1978, a letter and questionnaire (see Appendix A) were sent to the principals of 48 rural schools in Newfoundland. The letter advised the principals that a Career Awareness program was being developed for the use of minth grade students. The questionnaire consisted of various questions related to the program and the school.

The return rate of the questionnaire was 85 per ment (41).

The results indicated that of the rural achools sampled, 2 per cent
(1) had a full-time counsellor, 5 per cent (2) had a counsellor at

board level, 19 per cent (8) had a part-time counsellor, and 70 per cent (29) did not have a counsellor.

Other results of the questionnaire indicated that 96 per cent (39) felt a Career Awareness program was needed in their school. A willingness to let their ninth grade students participate in the Career Awareness program as described in the cover letter was indicated by 88 per cent (36) of the respondents. Results indicated that 94 per cent (38) of the respondents had not had a comprehensive career education program implemented in their school within the past ten years.

The questionnaire was intended to assess the need for a program such as the one described in the accompanying letter, and to assess the needs of ninth grade students by their principals. An analysis of the results indicated a definite felt need for career education and a willingness to participate in such a program.

A follow-up letter (see Appendix B) was sent during November, 1978, to all the respondents who indicated a willingness to participate in a study of a short-term Career Awareness program who did not have a full-time counsellor, in order to ascertain that they were still prepared to have their schools participate. Of the 33 principals contacted in November, 1978, 21 responded in the affirmative.

Sampling Procedure

The sample used in this study consisted of 12 schools selected randomly from the 21 whose principals had responded affirmatively to the follow-up letter sent in November, 1978. Of the 12, six schools had part-time counsellors and six had no counsellors.

The Population

The population chosen for the study was comprised of the grade nine classes located in rural schools with a total enrollment of less than 200 students. Schools that had the services of a part-time counsellor and schools which had no counsellor vere included, and schools that had a full-time counsellor were excluded from the study. Schools which had had or presently have a comprehensive career education program were also excluded from the study.

Data Collection

During January, 1978, a letter and questionnaire (see Appendix A) were sent to NS schools meeting the population criteria. The purpose of this questionnaire was to assess the need for a career education program and to determine the eligibility of the school to participate in the study. The criteria for eligibility were that the school had not had a comprehensive career education program within the past 10 years, and that the school did not have the services of a full-time counsellor. A follow-up letter and questionnaire were sent to schools which had not returned the questionnaire within three weeks.

A second letter and information sheet (see Appendix 8) was sent to 33 eligible schools in November, 1978. From the 21 information sheets returned, a sample was randomly selected.

Members of the sample were sent letters in January, 1979, indicating the date when they should expect the program to arrive. During the last week in January and February the programs were mailed to the participating schools. Included in the materials sent to the

schools were the audio-visual Career Avareness program, student work sheets, a teacher's manual, and the Career Maturity Inventory (OKI) with accompanying answer sheets. The OKI was the measurement instrument employed in this study. The students were administered the program and the CKI by the teacher. The entire program, minus the student work sheets and the CMI, was mailed back after the students had participated in the study.

The CHI was developed by John C. Critem in 1973 and revised in 1978. The inventory consisted of 50 true or false statements. The ninth grade students in one-half of the schools were pre-tested and post-tested with the inventory, the students in the remaining schools were post-tested only. Data were analyzed for all the students who completed the inventory.

During March, 1979, a follow-up letter and evaluation form (see Appendix G) were mailed to each school to assess the teacher's reaction to the Career Awareness program. Data were analyzed for all returned evaluation forms.

Analysis of the Data

All inventories were scored by hand with the use of the answer key provided by McCraw Hill Inc. (1978), the publisher of the COI. The t-test was used to determine the effect of a pre-test and two post-test, the effect of history and maturation on the two sets of results obtained in February and March, and the change in career maturity before and after participation in the program. A t-test was also calculated on the post-tests between schools which had the services of a part-time counsellor and schools which did not have any counsellor.

Research Questions

The method of analysis for this study provided a basis for answering the following questions:

- Are there any significant differences between the pre-test scores and the post-test scores as measured by the CMI?
- Are there any significant differences between the scores of the post-test only group and the post-test scores of the pretest and post-test group as measured by the CMIT
- Are there any significant differences between the post-test scores of the group participating in the study in February and the group participating in the study in March as measured by the OUT?
- 4. Does a significant relationship exist between the post-test scores of the participants in schools with part-time counsellors and schools with no counsellor as measured by the CMI?

Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this study, the following terms used throughout the study and Appendices were defined:

Career Awareness program: For the purpose of this study, Career Awareness program is defined as the program developed by the author for this study. Included in the program are filmstrips, casette copes, teacher manual and student work sheets.

Session: For the purpose of this study, session is defined
as an independent 30-minute segment of the Career

Awareness program. In each session there were a filmstrip, a cassette tape, and accompanying student work sheets.

Short-term: For the purpose of this study, short-term is defined
as the length of time taken to view the entire Career
Awareness program, approximately two hours.

For the purpose of this study, rural is defined as any community in Newfoundland with a population of less than 3,000, and at less; 50 miles from a cown with a population greater than 20,000.

Basic Assumptions

- The CMI is a valid criterion instrument for evaluating the Career Awareness program.
- The participating teachers administered the Career Awareness
 program in a standardized manner to the students.
- The participating teachers adhered to the directions for administering the CMI as outlined in the <u>Administration and Use</u> <u>Manual</u> (Crites, 1978a).
 - . The students responded openly and honestly to the statements in the CMI.

Limitations of the Study

This study is subject to the following limitations:

 Each secondary school and its student body are unique. Generalizations from this study are limited to the extent that there are similarities.

- There may be factors in the environments and backgrounds of the individual students that affect the students other than the factors being studied or controlled.
- The criterion instrument is limited to the extent of the measured reliability and validity.
- 4. Only rural schools without full-time counsellors were studied.

Organization of the Remainder of the Study

Chapter II of this study contains a review of the related.

Ilterature. Presented in the third chapter is a description of the sample, development of the program, the instrument used to evaluate the Career Awareness program, and the mathodology of the study. The results of the analysis of the data are presented in Chapter IV.

Chapter V includes a summary of the results, interpretations, and recommendations for future studies.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

The purpose of this study was to develop, implement, and evaluate the Career Awareness program. Literature which is related to the problem and which will help place the results in proper perspective will be explored in this chapter. The first section will discuss various selected theoretical positions of vocational choice and development. This is followed by a discussion of research on career education. The third section explores various elements of a career education program, which is followed by a review of selected studies regarding evaluations of career education programs which used the Career Maturity Inventory as the evaluation instrument.

Theories of Vocational Choice

Theories of vocational choice can be divided into severalgeneral categories. Oritos (1969) categorized the numerous theories of vocational choice into three categories: non-psychological, psychological, and general. These categories were divided further by Crites such that theories could be better represented in his classification according to each theory's particular characteristics and emphases. Theories applicable to this study are reviewed in this section.

Non-psychological theories. Crites (1969) described non-

the operation of some system which is external to the individual"

Roe's (1957) theory of vocational choice is considered by Crites (1969) to be a non-psychological theory. Boe (1957) based her theory on the needs of a person. The child's interaction with parents, produce certain needs which later are transferred to a vocational choice. Roe postulated that the home environment could be one of emotional concentration on the child, avoidance of the child, or acceptance of the child. Depending on the type of home environment in which the child was raised, certain needs within the child would tend to be satisfied, while other needs were not, During sarly childhood experiences, certain attitudes, interests, and capacities are developed, which are later expressed in adult life, including the vocational choice of the adult. These attitudes, values, and capacities are expressed towards a vocational choice in a general rather than specific manner.

Roe (1957) has defined groups of careers such as business, technology, and outdoors, which a person is most likely to enter according to the type of home environment experienced as a child. Roe stated that each person attains a level in his career—unskilled to professional—and the level attained at mid-life may be a result of the person's need intensity. For example, a person raised in an over-demanding home may prefer a career in the area of general culture; a rejecting home may invite a person to a career in the science field, and persons raised in over-protected homes would tend to prefer careers within the service industry.

<u>Psychological theories</u>. Crites (1969) defined psychological theories as those that "focus more upon the individual per se as the crucial variable in the vocational decision-making process" (p. 90).

One theory Crites (1969) considered a psychological theory is that of Bordin, Nachman and Segal (1963). Bordin et al. developed a theory of vocational development based on psychoanalytic theory. The basic assumption in this theory is that:

Insofar as he has freedom of choice, an individual tends to gravitate around those occupations whose activities permit him to express his preferred ways of seeking gratification and protecting himself from anxiety. (Bordon, 1968, p. 427)

Bordin et al. (1963) also assumed that development begins at conception and continues to old age but that the essential pattern of needs is established before age six, and that complex adult activities complement simple infantile activities 'insofar as they have the same instinctual sources of tratification.

Bordin et al. (1963) theorized that each occupation can be described in terms of its ability to satisfy various needs along different dimensions or body zones. The psychologically based dimensions include nuturant (feeding and fostering), manipulative activities, sensual activities, activities derived from anal impulses, genital, exploratory, flowing-quenching, exhibiting and rhythmic sovement activities. These activities or needs may be expressed and satisfied in an occupation. Bordin (1968) defined various aspects of the

dimensions which provided a framework in which activities or needs can be expressed and satisfied in an occupational choice. One aspect was the degree of importance each dimension had to an occupation. The second was the means through which a particular impulse was expressed to satisfy the psychic dimension, or the instrumental mode. The third aspect, "objects," indicated the person or thing to which the activity was directed. Work also had a sexual mode—either masculine, feminine or no sex. Lastly, the fifth aspect dealt with the affective domain. An activity might be either accepted or rejected.

Bordin et al. (1963) contended that each occupation could be described in these dimensions and that no one occupation could be described by a single dimension. The more complex occupations would have more complex classifications within the system.

Crites (1969) classified Super's (1953) theory of vocational development as a psychological theory under the subsection of developmental theories. Super believed that vocational choice was a process and that certain processes occur at different developmental stages.

Super's, theory might be considered a self-poncept theory (Crites, 1969).

Zaccaria (1970) summarized Super's theory:

. Super describes vocational development as the developing and implementing of a self-concept in the context of work. The self-concept wolves and develops during the growth and exploratory stages. Through various types of generia activities and exploratory behavior, the individual both differentiates himself from others and sees certain sixilarities between himself and others. As sensations, perceptions and experience become more ordered and vell articulated, the early self-percepts become broader, more himstract, and comprehensive until the self-proncept, per se, emergés.

A vocational self-concept is part of the global selfconcept. It is the self-concept which guides the individual into and through his career experience. Super consistently emphasizes the developmental process unfolding as the individual develops, specifies, and implements his vocational self-concept. (p. 53)

Super stated his theory as a series of 10 propositions.

Although Kline (1975) claimed that these propositions did not constitute a theory but rather a statement of facts, Super's theory has been cited by manw authors (Zytowski, 1968; Crites, 1969; Peters and Hanson, 1971;

Evans et al., 1973, Calhoun and Finch, 1976; Shertzer and Stone, 1976).

Super (1953) stated the ten propositions of his theory as:

- People differ in their abilities, interests and personalities.
- They are qualified, by virtue of these characteristics, each for a number of occupations.
- Each of these occupations requires a characteristic pattern of abilities, interests and personality traits, with tolerances wide enough, however to allow both some variety of occupations for could individual and some variety of individuals in each occupation.
- 4. Vocational preferences and competencies, the situational in which people live and work, and hence their selfconcepts, change with time and experience (although self-concepts are generally fairly stable from late adolescence until late maturity), making choice and adjustence a continuous process.
- 5. This process may be summed up, in a series of life stages characterized as those of growth, exploration, establishment, maintenance, and decline, and these atages may in turn be subdivided into (a) the fantasy, tentative and realistic phases of the exploratory stage, and (b) the trial and stable phases of the establishment stage.
- 6. The nature of the career pattern (that is, the opcupational level attained and the sequence, frequency, and duration of trial and stable jobs) is determined by the individual's parental socioeconômic level, sental ability, and personality characteristics, and by the opportunities to which he is exposed.
- Development through the life stages can be guided, partly by facilitating the process of maturation of abilities and interests and partly by aiding in reality testing and in the development of the self-concept.

- 8. The process of vocational development is essentially that of developing and implementing a self-concept: it is a compromise process in which the self-concept is a product of the interaction of inherited aptitudes, neural and endocrine makeup, opportunity to play various coles, and evaluations of the extent to which the results of roleplaying meet with the approval of superions and relieves.
- The process of compromise between individual and social factors, between self-concept and reality is one of roleplaying, whether the role is played in fantasy, in the counselling interview, or in real life activities such as school classes, clube, part-time work or entry jobs.
- 10. Work satisfactions and life satisfactions depend upon the extent to which the indivitual finds adequate outlets for his-abilities, interests, personality traits and watures, they depend upon his establishment in a type of work, a work situation, and a way of life in which he can play the kind of role which his growth and exploratory experiences have led him to consider consental and appropriate; (Super. 1953. p. 190)

'General theories. Comprai theories of vocational choice are those which do not focus on one factor of a vocational choice, but rather they recognize various factors as having an influence on the final choice (Crites, 1969).

Holland's (1973) theory of vecational choice is considered by Crites (1969) to be a general theory. Holland's primary concern which led to the development of his theory was to explain vecational behavior and to help people choose a satisfactory career. Holland (1973) based his theory on four basic assumptions:

 In our culture most persons can be categorized as one of six types: realistic, investigative, artistic, social, enterprising or conventional.

- There are six kinds of environments; realistic, investigative, artistic, social, enterprising and conventional.
- People search for environments that will let them exercise their skills and abilities, express their attitudes and values, and take on exceedile problems and roles.
- 4. X person's behavior is determined by an interaction between his personality and the characteristics of his environments. (pp. 2-4)

Holland (1973) assumed that the personality is a product of inherited factors and the environment. To choose a satisfactory career one must attempt to match his personality traits with a career that corresponds with these traits. Since the personality is partially deverdined by environment, Bolland's theory allowed for a change in careers throughout out one's life due to a changing environment. Thus, a vocational choice was never definite.

Summary. Theories of vocational choice and development can be divided into three broad categories: non-psychological, psychological, and general (Crites, 1969). The theories included is, each of these categories vary with respect to their own characteristics and emphasis as discussed in the summaries of the theories of Noe (1957), Northan and Segal (1963), Super's (1953), and Nolland (1973). For the purpose of this study, Super's (1953) theory was used to establish a theoretical framework.

Career Education

Breton (1972) conducted a study of social and academic factors, as related to vocational indecision of Canadian youth. The sample of 373 secondary schools (145,817 students) was believed from all 10 - Canadian provinces.

Breton's results indicated that Newfoundland ranked third highest with respect to the percentage (80.9%) of boys planning to finish high school, and fourth highest with respect to the percentage (83.4%) of girls planning to finish high school in comparison to the other Canadian provinces. For both girls and boys, Newfoundland had the lowest percentage (50.6% and 51.6%, respectively) of students planning to attend postsecondary school in comparison to the other provinces.

Breton also compared the diffusion of vocational information to students with low mental ability and socio-economic background. He found that there was less indecision among students of low mental ability and socio-economic status if vocational information was made available to them. In general, Breton concluded that the amount of educational and occupational information available to the students was positively associated with their ability to formulate career goals and their vocational competence.

Super and Overstreet (1960) conducted a longitudinal study of vocational maturity with 105 minth grade students. The dimensions and indices which Super and Overstreet deemed appropriate to measure the vocational maturity of their sample were:

Dimension 1. Orientation to Vocational Choice

1A. Concern with Choice 1B. Use of Resources in Orientation

Dimension 2. Information and Planning

2A. Specificity of Information 2B. Specificity of Planning 2C. Extent of Planning Activity

ension 3. Consistency of Vocational Preferences 3A. Consistency of Vocational Preferences within Fields

3B. Consistency of Vocational Preferences within Levels Consistency of Vocational Preferences within Families

Dimension 4. Crystallization of Traits

4A. Degree of Patterning of Measured Interests

4B. Interest Maturity

4C. Liking for Work

4D. Degree of Patterning of Work Values

4E. Extent of Discussion of Rewards of Work

4F. Acceptance of Responsibility for Choice and Planning

Dimension 8. Vocational Independence
5A. Independence of Work Experience

Dimension 6. Wisdom of Vocational Preferences

A. Agreement between Ability and Preference

6B. Agreement between Measured Intérests and Preference

6C. Agreement between Measured Interests and Fantasy Preference

6D. Agreement between Occupational Level of Measured
Interests and Level of Preference

6E. Socio-economic Accessibility of Preferences. (p. 51)

Super and Overatreet (1960). Asservered that the indices which did not define vocational maturity in grade nine students were Consistency of Vocational Preferences, Dimension 3; Crystallization of Traits; Dimension 4; Vocational Independence, Dimension 5; and Wisdom of Vocational Preferences, Dimension 6. The indices which did define vocational maturity were Orientation to Vocational Choice Tasks and the Use of Resources, Dimension 1. Orientation to Vocational Choice Tasks included the awareness of the need to make vocational choices, as well as the various factors affecting this choice and the acceptance of the responsibility for making such choices. The Use of Resources included talking to people; participating in activities related to the occupational choice, and collecting printed material which would provide valuable information related to both the occupational choice and the vorld of work in general.

The results of this longitudinal study were summarized by the researchers as:

Thus, weational naturity in ninth grade boys studied appears to consist of behavior which night be characterized as preparation for vocational choice, of orientation attitudes and activities. It is behavior in which the subject looks ahead, considers what the future may hold for him, and engages in thinking, planning and actions which may help him meet the future. The important aspect is that the individual recognizes the eventual need for goals and the desirability of developing them. According to our data, vocational maturity in the ministing rade does not appear to juvo've having consistent or work values, or having had independent work experience. Vocational maturity in the interministic or work values, or having had independent work experience.

(Super and Overstreet, 1960, p. 63)

In the book <u>Career Education in the Middle/Junior High School</u>,

Evans, Boyt and Magnum (1973) conducted a review of the literature regarding career development in the middle/junior high school. By means of
this literature review, Evans <u>et al</u>, developed several generalizations
which were common to all the literature. These generalizations were
obtained from the literature regarding both theoretical positions and
career programs implemented in Schools. Among the generalizations concluded by Evans et al. (1973) were:

Middle and junior high school age youth arrive at their schools with work values which, in the absence of intervention, are likely to remain remarkably stable through the twelfth grade.

For more than 70 per cent of the students specific vocational choices expressed by middle/juntor high school people can be expected to change before they reach the twelfth grade. The vocational maturity of middle and junior high school

students can be enhanced through systematic exposure to the world of occupations, sound counselling and guidance and experience with work.

Abilities and aptitudes, while demonstrably important in vocational decisions made by adults, are not fully developed within most middle and junior high school aged students.

Abilities, aptitudes, values and attributes related to work, to occupations and to careers are in process of development during the middle/junior high school years and may be affected remarkably by career education programs. (pp. 62-63)

The results of several other studies (Gribbons and Lohnes, 1968;
Wircenski, 1972; Bennkoph, 1975) tend to confirm the general conclusions

Summary. Results of research have indicated that in general students in the junior high school years have not yet decided upon a definite vocational choice and, if so, this choice may be expected to change. Students at this age are developing interests, attitudes, values and goals and the diffusion of vocational information would be an asset to students in their vocational development and saturity.

Elements of a Career Education Program

Sartin (1977) [ocused his attention on American youth. He believed that:

The typical American youth is believed to make program, job and career decisions on inadequate information. . . Career education has renewed our awareness of the importance of this information—information which has been cited as important for several decades. (p. 28)

Backney and Williams (1975) were also concerned with students who were not exposed to adequate career information;

Experience has shown that many students in need of career wareness information do not seek assistance for whatever reason. They do not frequent the career information centers or seek information from counsellors or other to the career of th

Hackney and Williams believed that career awareness information should be presented to the student from the general to the specific.

In her paper, "Advancing Career Education," Martin (1972) sug-

Their common goal is to respond to the student's specific immediate educational needs in a manner that serves his." long term aspirations for a satisfying and meaningful life after his schooling is ended. (p. 25)

Hansen and Tennyson (1974) described the educational aim for career education as being.

To develop self-sware flexible persons who can realize their potentials and acquire the competencies needed to work out relationships between themselves and a complex changing society. (p. 641)

Miceli (1974) thought that the primary objectives of career education were to "stimulate self-awareness, economic awareness, and career awareness" (p. 38).

Although these selected views on the objectives, goals and aims of career education differed, the underlying theme was basically the same for all, that was to help prepare students for the future.

With regard to actual program development, Calhoun and Finch
(1976) advised that career guidance programs in the middle school level
should actude:

- (a) Exploring the relationship between student characteristics and occupational and educational requirements.
- (b) Learning the process involved in planning and implementing occupational goals.
- (c) Learning educationally and vocationally related behaviors.
- (d) Beginning to develop tentative plans for the future. (p. 193) Such a program would give the student an adequate knowledge of careers which would enable the student to choose tentative careers in various fields.

Hansen and Tennyson (1974) described their model for career education in the junior high years as covering the following points:

- (a) Clarifying self-concept.
- (b) Assume responsibility for career planning.
- (c) Formulate tentative career goals.
- d) Acquire knowledge of occupations, work settings and life styles.
- (e) Acquire knowledge of educational and occupational resources.
- (f) Develop awareness of the decision-making process.
- (g) Acquire a sense of independence. (p. 642)

Clements (1977) listed activities which she felt were of major importance to the grade nine students. She suggested that students should be helped to:

- Explore occupational areas of particular interest and to assess their interests, abilities and aversions.
- Become familiar with the wide range of careers within each occupational cluster.
 - Develop an awareness of relevant factors to be considered in choosing a career.
- 4. Gain experience in meaningful decision-making.
- Develop preliminary career plans and arrive at a tentative career choice. (p. 13)

Other careir education programs for the junior high school years contained many of the basic elements outlined in the above discussion. The research conducted on career education programs by 871ggs (1979), Feltham (1975), owen (1975), and McCaythy (1976) supported the basic elements of career education programs discussed by Mannon and Tenniyson (1975), Calbourn and Finch (1976), and Clements (1977).

Summary. Although the three selected approaches of career education programs cited are different since they emphasized different areas, in essence, the three programs contained similar fundamental concepts. The need for the student to explore his own self-concept, personality characteristics, interests, abilities, and aversions was one underlying concept throughout the programs. The second factor common in the programs was the need for the student to have a basic understanding of decision-making skills. A third common factor was the knowledge of various careers which were available to the student from which a tentantive choice could be made.

Career Maturity Inventory

The Gareer Maturity Inventory (CMI) was developed by John O. Crites, in 1973, and revised in 1978. Originally, this inventory was entitled the Vocational Development Inventory (VDI). Crites (1978a) stated that the CMI had been "conceived and constructed to measure the maturity of attitudes and competencies that are critical in realistic cereer decision-making" (p. 3). The five attitudinal variables measured by the CMI Attitude Scale were:

- 1. decisiveness in career decision-making;
- involvement in career decision-making;
- 3. independence in career decision-making;
- 4; orientation to carper decision-making;
- compromise in career decision-making. (Crites, 1978b, p. 10)

Although the OH Attitude Scale has been used for purposes other than the evaluation of career education programs, such as screening for career immutative and testing career commelling, Critee (1978a) stated that "the OHI was a useful inventory to evaluate the effectiveness of a career.

education program, even as early as Grade 6" (p. 34).

Clapsoddle (1973) was interested in the vocational development of sixth grade children who were taught by teachers who had attended a teacher training course on career education as compared to teachers who had not attended this course. The participants of the Career Education Teacher Inservice Preparation course met for a three hour period for 15 weeks. Results of this study indicated that the students taught by teachers who had received career education training did score significantly higher on the VDI than those students taught by teachers who did not participate in the program. Davig (1974) obtained similar results in a study of the effectiveness of career education for sixth and eighth grade students.

"Swalls and Herr (1976) studied the vocational development of ninth grade students who were exposed to four different conditions relationship counselling; group counselling using taped models; game playing using the Life Career Game; and a control group. Each group, except for the control group, met with a counsellor once a wight for eight weeks. The lenth of each meetific was approximately 5D minutos.

The students were pre-tested and post-tested with the V01.
Analysis of the results revealed that no significant difference wis
found between the pre-test and post-test or between male and female
participants in any of the four group approached. Swalls and Herr (1976)
concluded that:

This study contributes to the current ambivalence in the research lifetsfore about the utility of short term group approaches in the vocational development of high school students. The one clear finding is that direct application of group techniques, such as those used in this study, to affect the complex process of career development in an eight week period is expecting more than can be delivered by most students. Whether increasing the amount of time or altering the group approaches would have made a difference in outcomes is not known. (p. 259)

A study comparing different approaches to career education was conducted by Nandolph and Granthas (1973). The name of their study was to compare the same career development program presented via a behavior management approach, a traditional teaching approach and no program presented to a control group. In each of the three groups, five fifth and sixth grade classes were randomly assigned. These classes, except the control group, set for 10 weekly 45-minute lessons. The VDI was the instrument used to assess the maturity of vocational attitudes. The suthors reported that:

The analysis of variance performed on the Vocational Development Investory resulted in an Fractal significant beyond the Ol Level. A Scheffs, test indicated that the CBM (Classroon Behavior Management) group obtained significantly higher scores (Ol Level) than either the traditional or the control group. The control group's mean was significantly higher (US) Level) than the traditional group. (P. 295)

Feldman and Marinelli (1975) conducted an occupational exploration program for prison inmates. The 90 subjects were evenly divided into six groups of 15 subjects. During each of the six sessions, five subjects were randomly assigned to either an experimental, controlattention-placebo, or control group. Each subject was administered a VDI. The authors reported that the analysis of variance indicated the mean of the experimental group was significantly higher than that of the two control groups. The results of studies conducted by Goodson (1969) and Kershner and Blair (1975) were similar to the results noted Summary. Results of research on the CMI presented conflicting evidence with respect to the evaluation of career education programs. Although the CMI was developed to measure career maturity in general, several researchers (Goodson, 1969; Clapsaddle, 1973; Randolph, Grantham, 1973; Owig, 1974; Feldman and Marinelli, 1975; Kershner and Blair, 1976; Swails and Herr, 1976) used the CMI to evaluate career education programs. The results of studies which employed the CMI as the evaluating instrument of career education programs in general tend to confirm its usefulness. Other results presented conflicting evidence regarding this use of the CMI.

Chapter Summary

The literature concerning the concept of career education was reviewed. The theoretical bases of career development were discussed in a review of selected theories. A review of the results of research on career education in general, and minth grade students in particular, were discussed. Basic elements which should be included in a career education program for junior high school students were assessed. The evaluation of various short-term career education programs which used the Vocational Development Inventory (VDI) as the measurement instrument were discussed. In 1973, Crites (1978a) changed the name of the VDI to the Career Maturity Inventory (CMI).

Organization of the Remainder of the Study

The third chapter contains a description of the population and sample, the development of the Career Awareness program, a discussion of the CMI, and the methodology of the study. Chapter IV presents the results of the analysis of the data, and Chapter V concludes with a summary of the results, interpretations and recommendations.

CHAPTER III

PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING THE STUDY

This chapter describes the population and sample used in this study, the development of the Career Awareness program, the Career Maturity Inventory (OMI) which was the measurement instrument, and the methodology of the snalysis of the data collected in this study.

The Population

During Janusry, 1978, 48 schools were selected from the <u>Directory of Schools</u>, 1976-77 for Newfoundland and Labrador to be sent a letter of intent and a questionnaire: From the data provided in the <u>Directory of Schools</u>, each school selected met the criteria of being both rural and less than 200 students enrolled. Of the 41 returned questionnaires, the assessment indicated that 33 schools met the requirements for participation in the study. The requirements were that the school did not have a full-time counsellot, a comprehensive career education course had not been implemented in the school within the past 10 years, and the principal was willing to allow the ninth grade students to participate in the program.

During November, 1978, the 33 schools which met the requirements for participation in the study were sent letters announcing the program. The letters were accompanied by information sheets which were to be answered by the principal and returned if the principal was still willing to have his students participate in the Career Awareness program.

Twenty-one information sheets were returned. The 21 schools were divided into two categories, those with part-time counsellors and those with me counsellor. From each category, six schools were randomly selected to merticinate in the study.

In January, 1979, all 21 respondents were contacted by letter (see Appendix C) to inform them of the results of the salection. The 12 who had been randomly selected to participate in the study were informed of the time when they would receive the Career Awareness program. The nine schools not selected for the study were informed that they would receive the Career Awareness program, but, that their students would not be a part of the study.

The Sample

The sample consisted of 12 schools which were located in rural areas of the island of Newfoundland. These schools did not have full-time counsellors and had not had a comprehensive career education program in their school within the past 10 years. The student enrollment in each school was less than 200. The smoollment of the night grade classes ranged from 12-15. Of the schools participating, six did not have the services of a commosller, while the other six schools had a part-time counseller.

Development of the Career Awareness

During January, 1978, letters explaining the them proposed, program with accompanying questionnaires were mailed to 48 rural schools. A follow-up letter and questionnaire was mailed to schools that had not responded by late February, 1978. The analysis of results from the 41

(85%) returned questionnaires indicated a need for a Career Awareness program and the willingness of principals to administer the Career Awareness program to their students.

Development of the program began in September, 1978, with a review of the literature to establish a theoretical framework, the criterion for development of a career education program suitable for initial states and to assess measurement; instruments for use in the study. Scripts were then written for each of the four-seasions of the program. These scripts yere evaluated and criticized by a junior high school counsellor, an expert in sudio-visual education and the suthor's supervisor. An assessment of the criticisms and suggestions made by these readers were considered in the final form of the scripts. Sides to accompany the scripts were prepared and student work sheets to accompany each session were drafted and duplicated. A Career Awareness-Teacher Manual was written to help familiarise teachers with the content and objectives of the program. The slides were duplicated into film-strip forms. The scripts were recorded on cassette tapes. Copies of the audio-visual materials were duplicated for each of the four sessions.

During the last week of January, six of the schools, three with part-time counsellors and three with no counsellors, were nailed the program packets. During the last week of February, the remaining six schools, three with part-time counsellors and three with no counsellors, were mailed the program packets. Each program packet contained the following sterials: (1) one student work sheet per session per student (see Appendix D); (2) one CMI per student with accompanying answer sheets: (3) am Administration and Use Manual (Crites, 1978a) for the

CMI; (4) a Career Awareness-Teacher Manual (see Appendix E); (5) four filmstrips--one of each session; (6) two cassette tapes with two sessions recorded on each; (7) return address label and postage; and (8) a cover letter (see Appendix F).

Instrumentation

The instrument used in this study was the Career Maturity

John O. Crites. This inventory consisted of 50 true-false statements.

The approximate administration time of this instrument was 20-30 ninutes.

The CMI was selected to be the instrument employed in this study. The CMI met the criteria necessary to evaluate the Career Awareness program effectiveness. This inventory measured concepts which were developed throughout the Career Awareness program. Specifically, the CMI measured the following five warshibes:

- . 1. Decisiveness in career decision-making.
 - 2. Involvement in carear decision-making.
- * 3. Independence in career decision-making.
 - A. Orientation to career decfsion-making.
- 5. Compromise in career decision-making. (Crites, 1978b, p. 10)

In addition, the CMI provided norm groups comparable to the population being studied.

The reliability of the CRI was another factor in its selection.

Crites (1878b) addressed three aspects of reliability of his inventory:

(1) the internal consistency coefficient of the Screening Form A-2 for ninth grade students was 7%. The mean for grades six through twelve

inclusive vas .74; (2) the stability coefficient, r. heing .74, was catabilished by test-revort over a one year period for wrades ris through twelve inclusive. Although the internal consistency was not as high as that of other tests, Crites pointed out that this instrument was designed to measure a group of related, not identical career attitudes. Crites reported that the stability coefficient for test-retest was relatively low, however, when Heises' procedure was implemented the stability coefficient increased to .82, which was significant at the .01 level of confidence; (3) there existed no coefficients of equivalence since the equivalent forms had not been developed (Crites, 1978b, pp.12-13).

With respect to the validity of the CMT, Crites (1978b) cited the research of others (Mollender, 1984; Carek, 1965; Shirts, 1968; Sharaf, 1968; Walsh and Osipov, 1973) and reported his own. Crites assessed the content validity by asking a panel of 10 experts to indicate the more nature response for each of the items on the test. Crites obtained a 74 per cent agreement which he termed as being acceptable. To establish the criterion related validity and construct validity, Crites cited other studies (Randolph and Grantham, 1963; Carek, 1968; Sharaf, 1968; Shirts, 1969). In essence these studies confirmed and supported the criperion related validity and construct validity (Crites, 1978b).

An additional requirement for the instrument used in this study was that the instrument had to be relatively easy to administer. Since, teachers in the classroom would have to administer the inventory to the student, this criterion was essential. The format and clear directions of the student administration of the CMI were considered when selecting the instrument used in this study.

In addition to the CMI, the participating schools were sent a follow-up letter and evaluation form (see Appendix C) after the program had been administered. The purpose of this evaluation form was to assess the teacher's reaction to the Career Awareness program.

Analysis of the Data

The OII was administered to the students by their teacher. All students in the pre-test and post-test groups received the pre-test, whereas only those who participated in all four sessions received the post-test. In the post-test only group, only those students who participated in all four sessions of the program were administered the CMI. The tests were hand-scored by using the scoring key provided by the publishers of the CMI.

Analysis of the data was accomplished by utilizing the computer program "Statistical Package for Social Sciences." To answer the four research questions, t-tests were conducted. T-tests were used to test the null hypothesis of the questions which were that no stanfifcant differences existed. The four research questions were:

- Are there any significant differences between the pre-test scores and the post-test scores as measured by the CMI?
- Are there any significant differences between the scores of the post-test only group and the post-test scores of the pretest and post-test group as measured by the CMI? 4
- Are there any significant differences between the post-test scores of the group participating in the program in February and the group participating in the program in March as measured by the CMI?

 Does a significant relationship exist between the post-test scores of the participants in schools with a part-time counsellor and schools with no counsellor, as measured by the OUT?

All t-tests were tested for significance at the .05 level.

Analysis of the data provided by the teacher evaluation form
was done by hand using descriptive statistics.

Organization of the Remainder of the Study

Chapter IV contains the analysis of the data collected in the study with respect to the above research questions. Chapter V contains a summary of the results, interpretations and recommendations for further research.

CHAPTER IV

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

The purpose of this study was to develop, implement and avaluate a short-term Career Awareness program. Presented in Chapter IV is the analysis of the data collected in this study. The data consisted of responses of 206 minh grade students to the Career Maturity Inventory (CMI), Attitude Scale A-2, and Il teacher responses to the Career Awareness evaluation form. The analysis of the data is presented in the following menner: (a) explanation regarding the lack of data collected from two schools in the study is presented; (b) each research question stated in Chapter I is restated; (c) each research question is answered by analysis of the CMI; and (d) each question on the Career Awareness evaluation form is analyzed by descriptive statistics.

Of the 12 schools selected to participate in this study, data were collected from 10 schools, and no data were collected from two schools. Of the two schools from which no data were collected, one school administered the program and the post-test to the students. However, the student answer sheets to the CMI were inadvertently destroyed by school personnel. The Career Awareness program was administered in this school in March, 1979, to 26 ninth grade students; the school did not have a counsellor. In the second school from which no data were collected, the Career Awareness program and the pre-test and post-test were not administered to the 36 ninth grade students. A teacher at this school stated that the program was not administered because the

expectations of the student work sheets were unclear. The program was scheduled to be administered in this school in March; the school had a part-time counsellor.

Of the 10 schools where the program was administered and the results of the answer sheets of the CN1 analyzed, six administered the program in Pebruary, 1979, while four, sdministered the program in March, 1979. Five of the schools had a part-time counsellor while the other five schools had no counsellor.

The analysis of the data is presented by restating each question as presented in Chapter 1 and then answering each question by the analysis.

Research Question 1. Are there any significant differences between the pre-test scores and the post-test scores as measured by the Career Maturity Inventory (CMI)?

The results of the analysis of variance of the CMI for five schools in which students were administered the pre-test and the post-test are reported in Table 1.

TABLE 1
T-TEST IN PRE-TEST AND POST-TEST SCORES OF THE CMI
FOR STUDENTS ADMINISTERED BOTH TESTS

Test	Number of Schools	Number of Students	Mean	Standard Deviation	Ť
Pre-test	5	91	30.330	4.954	2 001
Post-test/	5	91	31.2088	4.748	-3.09**

^{*}Significant beyond the .05 level of probability. **Significant beyond the .01 level of probability.

The results of the analysis of variance of mean scores of five schools in which pre-tests and post-tests were administered were significant beyond the .01 level; therefore, there was a significant difference between the mean pre-test and post-test scores of students who were administered both the pre-test and the post-test, as measured by the Off.

The results of the analysis of variance of the CNI scores for all 10 schools, five schools in which students were administered the pre-test and five schools in which the students were administered the post-test only, are presented in Table 2.

TABLE 2
T-TEST IN PRE-TEST AND POST-TEST ONLY SCORES OF THE CMI

Test	Number of Schools		Number of Students		Mean	Standard Deviation	T
Pre-test	UI.	5	31	98'	30.5714	4.218	
Post-test only	9 .	5		108	30.0833	4.863	-0.77

^{*}Significant beyond the .05 level of probability.
**Significant beyond the .01 level of probability.

The results of the analysis of variance of mean scores for the five schools in which students were administered the pro-test and five schools in which the students were administered the post-test only was not significant beyond the .05 level. No significant difference exists between the mean scores of the pre-test groups and the mean scores of the post-test only groups. A comparison of the means of both groups indicated the mean for the pre-test group was 0.4881 greater

than the mean for the post-test only group.

The results of the analysis of variance of the CMI for the pretest scores of students from five schools and the post-test scores of students from all 10 schools are reported in Table 3.

TABLE 3
T-TEST IN PRE-TEST AND POST-TEST SCORES OF THE
CMI FOR ALL GROUPS

Test		Number Schools	Number Students	Mean	Standard Deviation	T
Pre-test		5	 98	30.5714	4.218	0.17
Post-test	T Est	10	189	30.878	4.481	0,17

^{*}Significant beyond the .05 level of probability.
**Significant beyond the .01 level of probability.

The results of analysis of variance of mean scores for students from all 10 schools was not significant beyond the .05 level; therefore, a significant relationship does not exist between the mean scores of the pre-test groups and the mean scores of the post-test groups.

In summary, a significant difference did exist between the pretest and post-test mean acores of the five schools in which both tests were administered. The analysis of variance did not indicate a significant relationship between the mean scores of the pre-test groups and post-test only groups. The analysis of variance also did not indicate a significant relationship between the mean scores of the five pre-test groups and the mean scores of all 10 post-test groups. These results suggested that the significant differences between the pre-test and post-test mean scores of the five schools in which both tests were administered may be a result of the administration of the pre-test and not a result of the program.

A summary of the number of students, mean, and standard deviation of each pre-test and post-test is reported in Table A (see Appendix H).

Research Question 2. Are there any significant differences between the scores of the post-test only group and the post-test scores of the pre-test and post-test group as measured by the Career Maturity Inventory?

The results of the analysis of variance of the CMI for the posttest scores of all 10 schools are reported in Table 4.

TABLE 4

T-TEST IN POST-TEST SCORES OF THE CMI FOR POST-TEST ONLY
GROUPS AND PRE-TEST AND POST-TEST GROUPS

Group	Number of Schools	Number of Students	Mean	Standard Deviation	T
Post-test only	5	- 98	30.5714	4.218	.97
Pre-test an		91	31.2088	4.748	

*Significant beyond the .05 level of probability.
**Significant beyond the .01 level of probability.

The results of the analysis of variance of the CHI was not significant beyond the .05 level of significance; therefore, there was no significant difference between the mean scores of the post-tests in the post-test only groups and the pre-test and post-test groups, as measured by the CHI. Research Question 3. Are there any significant differences between the post-test scores of the group participating in the program in February and the group participating in the program in March as measured by the Career Maturity Inventory?

To determine if any significant differences existed between the post-test acores of the groups administered the test in February and March, a t-test was conducted on the mean scores of the CMI. The results of the analysis of variance is reported in Table 5.

TABLE 5

T-TEST IN POST-TEST SCORES OF THE CHI FOR SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATING IN THE CAMEER AWARENESS PROGRAM
'IN FERBURY AND MARCH

Month	Number of Schools	Number of Students	Mean .	Standard Deviation	Ť
February	. 6	120	30.825	4.576	-0.2
March	4	69	-30.971	4.342	0.2

^{*}Significant beyond the .05 level of probability. **Significant beyond the .01 level of probability.

The results of the analysis of variance of the mean accres of the CMI formall 10 schools was not significant at the .05 level; therefore, no significant difference exists between the mean scores of the post-tests which were administered in February and March, as measured by the CMI. The results indicated that history and maturation did not influence the means of the post-test scores on the CMI. Research Question 4: Does a significant relationship exist between the post-test scores of the participants in schools with part-time counsellors and schools with no counsellors, as measured by the Gareer Maturity Inventory?

The results of the analysis of variance of the mean scores of the CMI for all 10 schools are reported in Table 6.

TABLE 6
T-TEST IN POST-TEST SCORES OF THE CM1 FOR SCHOOLS
WITH PART-TIME COUNSELLORS AND SCHOOLS
WITH NO COUNSELLORS

School	Number of Schools	Number of Students	Mean	Standard Deviation	т	
Part-time counsellor	5	118	31.0678	4.576	0.75	
No counsellor	5	71	30.5634	4.332	0.75	

^{*}Significant beyond the .05 level of probability. **Significant beyond the .01 level of probability.

The results of the analysis of variance of the mean scores of the CMI for all 10 schools was not significant at the .05 level, therefore, there was no significant difference between the mean scores of the post-tests in schools with part-time counsellors and schools with no counsellors, as measured by the CMI.

Analysis of the Evaluation Form

Of the 11 schools which administered the Career Awareness program to their ninth grade students, 11 evaluation forms (see Appendix G) were returned. The analysis of the data provided by the evaluation forms is reported in terms of the number and per cent of respondents to each question.

 Rate each session with respect to the <u>audio</u> portion of the Career Awareness program. Put a check-in the appropriate box.

The results of the analysis of the data for the 11 respondents are reported in Table 7.

TABLE 7

EVALUATION OF THE AUDIO PORTION OF THE CAREER AWARENESS
PROGRAM BY THE TRACHER

Inef	fective	Minimally Effective	Effective	Very Effective
Session 1 -				
"What is Career Awareness"			9 (81%)	2 (18%)
Session 2 -				(6)
"Self-Exploration"			8 (72%)	3 (27%)
Session 3 -				
"Decision-making"		3 (27%)	7 (63%)	1-(9%)
Session 4				
"Careers"			9 (81%)	2 (18%)

The results of the analysis of data for the audio portion of the Career Awareness program indicated that the teachers felt the program was effective. The first session—"What is Career Awareness"—was rated as effective by 9 (81%) and very effective by 2 (18%) of the respondents. The second session—"Self-Exploration"—was rated as effective by 8 (72%) and very effective by 3 (17%) of the respondents. The third session—"Decision-making"—was rated as minimally effective by 3 (27%), effective by 7 (63%), and very effective by 1 (9%) of the

respondents. The fourth session--"Careers"--was rated by 9 (81%) as effective and 2 (18%) as very effective by the respondents.

 Rate each session with respect to the <u>vibual</u> portion of the Career Awareness program. Put a check in the appropriate box.

The results of the analysis of the data for the 11 respondents are reported in Table 8.

TABLE 8

EVALUATION OF THE VISUAL PORTION OF THE CAREER ANAREMESS PROGRAM BY THE TEACHER

Ineffective	Minimally Effective	Effective	Very Effective
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eness"	2 (18%)	7 (63%)	2 (18%)
	2 (18%)	7 (63%)	2 (18%)
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1 (9%)	2 (18%)	7 (63%)	1 (9%)
	2 (182)	6 (54%)	3 (27%)
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The results of the analysis of the data for the visual portion of the Career Awareness program indicated that the teachers felt the program was effective. The first session—"What is Career Awareness"—was rated as minimally effective by 2 (181), effective by 7 (611), and very effective by 2 (181) of the respondents. The second session—"Self-Exploration"—was rated as minimally effective by 2 (181), effective by 7 (511), and very effective by 2 (181) of the respondents. The third session—"Decision-making"—was rated as ineffective by 1 (511),

minimally effective by 2 (18%), effective by 7 (63%), and very effective by 1 (9%) of the respondents. The fourth session-"Careers"-was rated as minimally effective by 2 (18%), effective by 6 (54%), and very effective by 3 (27%) of the respondents.

3. Would you be interested in ordering the Career Awareness program next year for the benefit of your minth grade students?

All of the respondents indicated they would be interested in ordering the Career Awareness program next year.

4. According to your minth grade students' reactions and comments about the program, how do you feel your students would rate the program?

The results of the analysis of the data for the 11 respondents are reported in Table 9.

* TABLE 9

EVALUATION OF THE CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM BY THE
TEACHER IN TERMS OF THE PARTICIPATING
STUDENTS' REACTION

Ineffective		Minimally Effective		Effective	Very Effective			
	0		,	1 (9%)	100	9 (81%)		1 (9%)
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The results of the analysis of the data for the 11 respondents indicated that 1 (9%) felt the program was minimally effective, 9 (81%) felt the program was effective, and 1 (9%) felt the program was very effective in terms of the students' assessment of the program.

 What are your suggestions for further improvement of the Career Awareness program? Comments about the program were received from 9 (812) of the respondents. Several of the respondents indicated that the directions for the student work sheet in Session 3--"Decision-making"--seemed to cause confusion among some of the students. A number of respondents indicated that the answers to the student work sheets, which were readfrom the screen, were not clear enough to read at a distance in Session 4. The respondents reported that the content was appropriate and beneficial to the ninth grade student. Two of the respondents expressed that the program should be lengthened and more career descriptions added. This, they felt, would give the students a broader view of the world of work and knowledge of different careers. One respondent indicated that academic assignments should be encouraged to follow up the Career Awareness program.

Summary

Chapter IV contained an analysis of the data collected in the study. The data consisted of 206 responses of minth grade students to the CMI, Attitude Scale A-2, and Il teacher responses to the Career Awareness evaluation form.

Four research questions were stated and the results of the , analysis of the data was reported for each question. The four research questions received negative results. Of the five questions on the evaluation form, the majority of responses were positive.

The first research question was concerned with evaluating any significant differences between the pre-test and post-test. The results of the analysis of variance indicated that no significant differences existed between the mean scores of the pre-test and the

post-tests only groups and the mean scores of the pre-test and all the post-tests combined. A significant difference did exist between the mean scores of the pre-tests and post-tests which were administered to the same group. These results suggested that the significant relationship which existed between the mean scores of the pre-tests and post-tests was a result of the administration of the pre-test and not a result of the administration of the Career Awareness program.

The second research question was addressed to significant differences between the mean scores of the post-tests in the pre-test and post-test group and the post-test only group. The results of the analysis of variance indicated no significant differences.

The third research question was concerned with the effect history and maturation had on the groups who were administered the Gareer Awareness program in February and March. The analysis of variance revealed no significant differences between the mean scores of the two groups.

The fourth research question asked if any significant differences existed between the mean scores of students in a school with a part-time counsellor and a school with no counsellor. No significant differences were found to exist.

The first two questions on the evaluation form were addressed to the effectiveness of the audio and visual portions of the Career Awareness program. The majority of respondents rated both audio and visual portions as being effective.

. The third question asked if the respondents would be interested in ordering the program next year. All respondents responded

affirmatively.

The respondents were asked in question four to rate how they felt their students would evaluate the program. Mine of the 11 respondents rated the program as effective while one rated the program as minimally effective and one rated the program as wery effective.

The fifth question asked for suggestions and comments for improvement of the Career Awareness program. Criticisms were directed toward the areas of clarity of slides and confusion of directions. The content of the program received approval from the majority of the respondents.

The analysis of the results of the research questions indicated that the implementation of a short-term Career Awareness program did not have a significant effect on the career naturity of the ninth grade students studied, as measured by the CMI. There was no significant difference of the career naturity of ninth grade students between those who attended schools with a part-time counsellor and with no counsellor.

The analysis of the data of the evaluation form indicated that teachers falt the program was effective.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, INTERPRETATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In Chapter V a summary of the complete study is presented. The contents of the chapter include a restatement of the problem, a summary of the procedure, an overview of the method of analysis of the data, a restatement of the research questions, and specific findings and recommendations for further studies.

Restatement of the Problem

Career education programs have been developed and implemented in schools throughout the entire school system in both Canada and the United States. In Newfoundland and Labrador a comprehensive career education program has not been designed and implemented for qchools or grades in the Newfoundland school system. Many rural schools lack even the services of a full-time counsellor who could provide students with career counselling and career information.

The purpose of this study was to develop, implement, and evaluate a short-term Career Awareness program. The Career Awareness program was an audio-visual presentation designed such that it could be administered to students by untrained personnel in a short time period so the class-room schedule would not be disrupted. The program consisted of four filmstrips with accompanying cassette tapes, student work sheets and a teacher manual.

The Career waveness program was implemented in 12 schools throughout the rural areas of Newfoundland during a six-week period in February and March, 1979. The entire program was administered to students in four sessions, each sension being approximately one class period (30 minutes) in length.

The evaluation of this study consisted in part of pre-tents and post-tests of the Career Maturity Reventory (CMI) administered to students in one-half the schools and a post-test only administered to the resaining students. In addition, teachers who administered the Career Awareness program in the schools, evaluated the program by completing a short questionnairs. Specifically, the evaluation of the program attempted to answer two questions:

- Does a short-term Career Awareness program change the career maturity of ninth grade students in rural Newfoundland?
- Is there any significant difference of career maturity of ninth grade students attending schools with part-time counsellors compared to schools with no counsellor?

Summary of the Procedures

Twelve schools, six with part-time counsellors and six with no counsellor, were randomly selected as the sample. During the last week of January and February, six achools were mailed the program packet. In each group of six schools, one-half were to administer the pre-fest and post-test, and the remaining schools to administer the post-test only. Each program packet contained the following materials: (1) one student work sheet per session per student; (2) one Career Maturity Inventory per student with accompanying answer sheets; (3) an Administration and

Use Mapual (Crites, 1978a) for the OHI; (4) a Career Awareness-Teacher Nanual; (5) four filmstrips—one of each session; (6) two casseste tapes with two sessions recorded on each; (7) return label and postage; and (6) a cover letter. A follow-up teacher evaluation form for the Career Awareness program was mailed to each of the participating schools during the second week of March, 1979.

The 12 rural schools participating in the study met the following criteria:

- 1. No full-time counsellor.
- No comprehensive career education program implemented in the school within the past 10 years.
- Located at least 50 miles from town with a population greater than 20,000.
- Located in a community having a population not greater than 3,000 people.

Method of Analysis

All inventories were hand scored with the use of an answer key provided by the publishers of the CMI. The t-test was used to determine the effect of a pre-test on the post-test, the effect of history and maturation on two sets of results, the difference between schools with a part-time counsellor and schools with no counsellor, and the change in career maturity before and after participation in the program.

Research Questions and Specific Findings

Four research questions were examined in the study. Each research question is restated and findings are reported.

 Are there any significant differences between the pre-test scores and the post-test scores as measured by the Career Maturity Inventory (CMI)?

Analysis of the results of the CHI indicated a significant difference between the mean pre-test and post-test scores of students who were administered both tests. Significant differences were not found to exist between pre-test and post-test only groups, and the pre-test and all the post-tests combined. These results indicated that the significant relationship which existed between the pre-test and post-test groups who were administered both tests may be a result of the administration of the pre-test and not a result of the administration of the program.

 Are there any significant differences between the scores of the post-test only groups and the post-test scores of the pre-test and post-test group as measured by the Career Maturity Inventory (OII)1

The results of the CMI revealed no significant differences when a t-test was conducted on the post-test scores of the post-test only group and the pre-test/post-test group.

 Are there any significant differences between the post-test scores of the group participating in the program in February and the group participating in the program in March as measured by the Garser Maturity Inventory (CMI)?

The analysis of variance of the results of the CMI indicated no significant differences between the mean scores of the group participating in the program in February and the group participating in the program in March.

Does a significant relationship exist between the post-test scores
of the participants in schools with part-time counsellors and
schools with no counsellor as measured by the Career Maturity
Inventory (CMI)?

The analysis of variance of the results of the CNI indicated no significant differences between the mean post-test scores of students who had a part-time counsellor at their school and students with no school counsellor.

Interpretation and Implications of Study Findings

The findings of this study are addressed in two manners. First, in terms of previous research on short-term career education programs and, secondly, in terms of implications for further research.

Interpretation in terms of previous research. The findings of this study are supported by the results of previous studies. In a study by Swalls and Herr (1976) a seven-hour career education program was administered to a group of ninth grade students. As analysis of the data indicated that no significant differences existed between any of the groups which participated in the study. The measurement instrument employed in the study of Swalls and Herr was the Vocational Development Inventory (VDI). The VDI was later remanded the Career Maturity Inventory. Randolph and Grantham (1973) conducted a study on the effect an eight-hour career education program had on fifth and sixth grade students when taught by classroom behavior management techniques. The analysis of the data of the VDI indicated that although significant differences did exist between the classroom behavior management group and the other groups,

the control group, who did not receive career education, scored significantly higher than the tradificantly group, who received the career education program. Thus, both studies, one in which the participants were of the same age group as in this study, failed to produce any significant results with respect to the administration of short-term career education programs via traditional teaching pethods. Both studies employed similar measurement instruments used in the present study.

The results of other studies provide findings which contradict the findings of the present study. Feldman and Marinelli (1975) conducted a six-session occupation exploration program with prison immates. Significant differences were found between the group who participated in the program and the non-participating control group. The results of studies by Goodson (1969), Clapsaddle (1973), and Kerehner and Blair (1975) were similar to those of Feldman and Marinelli (1975). All studies mentioned employed the CMI as the measurement instrument.

Implications for further research. The results of the present study have various implications for further research. First, the effectiveness of short-term career education programs was an unanswered problem.

The study demonstrated that there were no significant differences in career naturity as measured by the CMI. However, results of the analymis of the data obtained from the evaluation forms submitted by the teachers administering the Career Avareness program indicated that the teachers: (1) considered the program components effective; (2) would use the program with ninth grade students again; and (3) felt that their student's would rate the program as effective. Students in all grades of all schools are entitled to the benefit of career education. Since in the Newfoundland and Labrador school curriculum, career education as a standard course is not offered, students should be given the opportunity to participate in activities which relate to career education.

The results of analysis of the data in this study were conflicting. Further research should be conducted to assess the value of shortand long-term career education programs.

A second area for research concerns the usefulness of the CMI as an evaluation instrument of short-term programs. Fositive results have been obtained using the CMI as the measurement instrument for long-term career education courses (Omvig, 1974; Kershner and Blair, 1975). Results of studies which employed the CMI as the measurement instrument for short-term career education programs are contradictory (Clapsaddle, 1973; Randolph and Grantham, 1973; Feldman and Marinelli, 1975; Swails and Herr, 1976). Crites (1978b) stated that the CMI was developed partially on the assumption that career maturity was developmental in mature. Taking into consideration this assumption, the contradictory evidence presented regarding the assessment of short-term career education programs using the CMI, and the results of this study, further research should be conducted regarding the development of an instrument specifically designed to assess short-term career education programs.

In this study no significant differences were found between the mean scorge of students attending schools with a part-time counsellor and schools with no counsellor. This would indicate a need for further research to investigate the daties of part-time counsellors. The following recommendations are made for further research:

- 1. A revised edition of the Career Awareness program should be tested. In the revised edition, teacher suggestions and recommendations should be implemented-specifically, (a) the instructions in the third session for the student work sheet should be either clarified or simplified; (b) answers to the student work sheets in the fourth session should be printed on paper since some students experienced difficulty reading the answers on the acreen; and (c) more careers should be described.
- This study should be repeated using a measurement instrument specifically designed to measure the effectiveness of the Career Awareness program or its revised edition.
- In order to increase the generalizability of this study, this study should be repeated in other areas of Newfoundland and Labrador, including schools in urban areas and schools with full-rise companions.
- 4. Research should be conducted on the services part-time counsellors provide to schools. Services which are and are not provided and the reasons for each should be exmined. This would help to determine, mong other things, why a significant difference, and the tween schools with part-time counsellors and schools with no counsellor in this present study.
- A study should be conducted on the development implementation
 and evaluation of a comprehensive career education course
 suitable for all schools and grades in the Nevfoundland and
 Labrador school system.

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APPENDIX A

MATERIAL FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE NEED OF A CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM:

LETTER, FOLLOW-UP LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRE

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Ms. Nancy Wilson, a graduate student under my direction, is presently involved in research on career education for rural Newfoundland high schools. The end result of her research will be an audiovisual program on career averances with accompanying student work sheets and teacher's manual. This program will be approximately a who do not have any revelous training in outer education. Scharch who do not have any revelous training in outer education.

The areas we are investigating for inclusion in the above program are:

- (a) self-awareness
- (b) decision-making skills(c) meaning of work
- (d) relationship of work and leisure
- (e) occupational clusters information

Presently we are at the stage of identifying and assessing various student needs for the further development of this career, awareness program for grades 9 and 10 students in rural schools. We would appreciate your help and cooperation in identifying these needs by completing the unclused questionnairs. For your conventions, questionnairs are not provided to the convention of the questionnairs. The provided the convention of the questionnairs. Thank you very such.

Sincerely,

David S. Watts, Ed.D. Professor of Education

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On January 26, 1978 you were sent a letter and questionnaire regarding research on career education in rural Newfoundland. Unfortunately, when these letters were sailed, achools were in the process of exadinations; thus, the questionnaire returns have been low. of you could complete it and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

Ms. Nancy Milson, a graduate student under my direction, is presently involved in the above-mentioned research. The end result of her research will be an audio-visual program on career awarenges for grade 9 and 10 students with accompanying student work sheets and teacher 5 manual. This program will be appreximately 's class periods any previous training in career education.' Canchere who too not have any previous training in career education.

The enclosed questionnaire will enable us to identify and assess various student needs for the further development of this career awareness program. We would appreciate your help and cooperation in identifying these needs by completing the enclosed question-paste. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

David S. Watts, Ed.D. Assistant Professor

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Please circle a number-from 1 to 5 in each of the following topics.
The number circled indicates the order of importance as the topic
applies to career awareness, 1 being most important, 5 being least
important. These should be rated as you perceive the needs of
your grade 9 and 10 students.

aportance	imp	ortance	
1 2	3 4	5	Self-awareness—the students' own awareness of their interests and talents.
1 2	3 4	g ⁵	Decision-making skills—the students' ability to make decisions considering all alternatives.
1 2	-3 4	5	Meaning of workthe students' perception of the value and meaning of work as a long term occupation.
	*		term occupation.
1 2	3 ' 4	5	Relationship of work to leisure—the students' perception of work versus leisure
	*		and how they can be partially integrated on the job.
1 2	3 4	5	Occupational clusters (career families) information—the students' awareness of information about general types of jobs.
			you consider important for inclusion in d benefit the students?
this p	rogram wh	ich woul	d benefit the students?

Within the past 10 years, has there been to your knowledge a comprehensive career education program in your school?

	:		
4.	Do you feel there is a need for a career aware school such as the one discussed in the attack		n in you
	Yes No		
5.	Would you be willing to permit your grade 9 ar participate in the program described in the ac		
	Yes No		ν
6.	Presently in your school, is there a guidance	counsellor?	
	full-time		
	part-time		
	none at all		
7.	Comments:		1

Thank you for your assistance. Please return to:

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APPENDIX B

CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SCHOOLS INTERESTED IN
PARTICIPATION IN THE STUDY: LETTER AND INFORMATION SHEET



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Department of Educational Psychology Faculty of Education Telex: 016-4101 Telephone: (709) 753-1200

In the last academic school year you were contacted about research on an audio-visual Career Awareness program for grade 9 students in rural Newfoundland. This program is now in the middle stages of development and ide agenced to be ready by Fobruary, 1979.

Nours, and is divided into 4 sessions, each session 25-00 minutes long. The topics of each session in order are:

General Career Awareness Self-Exploration Decision-Making Skills Careers

Although this program is designed to be used by teachers who do not have any previous training in career education, teacher participation and instruction is minimal; a teacher manual and student work sheets are included.

A Since this program is part of research on career education in rural Mesfoundiand, evaluation of the above-mentioned program is necessary. The evaluation is as follows: half of the participating grade of students will begiven a per-eter and post-rest administered by the teacher just being and after the program, and the other half of teacher just being and after the program, and the other half of teats consists of 50 frue-falls (temes, administration time is 25 simutes. The design of this program also requires that the test(s) and program be given in gas week.

West year you indicated that your school would be willing to permit your grade 9 students to participate in this program. Enclosed is an information sheet. If you are still interested in participating in this Career Awareness program, would you please fill in the enclosed sheet and return it to us. Thank you wery much for your cooperation.

Sincerely.

Nancy Wilson, Graduate Student

Dr. D. Watts, Supervisor.

Information Sheet

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APPENDIX C

INFORMATION TO SCHOOLS REGARDING THE ARRIVAL OF THE

GAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM: LETTER

Box 48, Education Bldg., Memorial University, St. John's, Nfld. AlB 3X8

January 17/79

Re: Career Awareness Program

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You have been selected to receive this program for the week of . As indicated on the previous letter, this program has been designed to be shown to students in a one-week time period.

The Program consists of four (4) filmstrips and cassette tapes to accompany the filmstrips. Since filmstrip projectors and cassette tape players are cumbersome to mail, the school is asked to provide these two piaces of equipment.

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"Read each item in the list of interests and abilities. Then read the names of the 7 careers across the top. If one of these careers spends most of the time doing the item listed, then put a check in the box.

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INSTRUCTIONS

First read the list of interests and abilities. Then put a check by the five (3) interests or abilities that you feel would be most important to you in a chareer, and put an 'x' beside, the five (3) items that are least important to you in a career. After you have done this write why each one, is important or not important to you on the line provided.

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ANSWER SHEET FOR THE EXERCISE ON PAGE

NOTE: Your answers may not be the same as the answers on this spheet.

Do not worry about this because what you think "most of the time"
is, someone else might think of it as being, a different amount of
time. This answer sheet should only be used as a guide. If you
think some answers are right and they are not marked on this sheet,
then talk to your teacher and friends to see if they sgree with
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HOW TO MAKE A DECISION

- 1. MAKE SURE YOU KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM.
- SEEK INFORMATION THAT IS RELATED TO THE DECISION AND IDENTIFY THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES OR CHOICES.
- 3. EVALUATE EACH ALTERNATIVE OR CHOICE; THINK ABOUT WHICH ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE BEST.
 - ONCE THE BEST ALTERNATIVE HAS BEEN CHOSEN, THEN PLAN HOW IT WILL BE PUT INTO ACTION.
- REMEMBER IN ORDER TO MAKE A DECISION ON SOMETHING YOU MIST HAVE AT LEAST TWO CHOICES OR ALTERNATIVES FROM WHICH YOU CHOOSE THE BEST ONE.



 If you want to graduate from high school, do you know what the requirements are?
 YES NO

 If you know what kind of careers you like, do you know which courses or activities we offer to help you prepare for these careers?
 YES NO Do you know how to find out about teachers, how to meet the kids and join the activities you like?

YES

NO

 If you want to go to Vocational School, Trades College or University, do you know which courses are needed?
 YES NO

5. If there are things you really enjoy doing, do you know if we offer any courses or activities which will let you do these things? YES NO

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: PEOPLE TO TALK TO AND THINGS TO DO TO HELP YOU GET MORE INFORMATION.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Now you are going to help John get the information he needs in order to help choose which courses to take in high school. The numbers on the chart below indicate which piece of information you will select for John to receive to help him make a decision. You are to select the 3 pieces which you think are most important, and then circle the numbers on the chart. Then turn the page and read only the pieces of information you have selected—that is only read the numbers you selected on page 4. After you have read the 3 pieces of information, go to page 7 and answer the questions.

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Things John might do	7	8	9				
People John might talk to .	10	11	12				

PIECES OF INFORMATION, THAT CAN HELP JOHN

"I do not want to risk getting poor grades in high school by taking too many hard courses. I am not afraid of taking a chance for something important. My grades have been average so far." -2-

"I want to be eligible to go to University. However I want most to be eligible to become an engineer after I graduate."

"I can take a lot of hard courses which llows me only a few aday courses; or take a lot of easy ones; or take a lot of easy ones; or take a lot of easy ones and still be eligible for University, I can take easy courses and still get a good grade. I can take hard courses which are more interesting but I will have a greater chance of not getting a good grade. I can delay insking my decision but I do not like that. I deciden but I do not like that. I decide."

He rends that math and one students who wish to enter engineering, and that more engineering and chemistry. In Trades School and University engineers do not have many choices in the courses they take.

He reads that students can go to the Collegas of Trades and Technology and take an enjencering technology course, and, then, go to buiversity or else go straight to University from high school. It may be helpful to have some basic experience's into all university program. He sees that he has at legat three alternatives. The first alternative is to take \$\frac{1}{2}\$, the sath and gelace courses bream in high school. The second alternative is to take the course he had not have a second alternative in the second alternative in the second alternative is to set out thout a background his order to rest orthout a background his order at to set out this is in frades college and University. The third alternative is to well until Trades College or University to specialize and use high school to gain experience (such as visiting are impliced; at work) so that magnineer.

John gets a job with a construction crew building a wharf. He finds the work veryboring and wonders if he really wants to be an engineer. He then visits a civil engineer in the city whose job sounds a lot nore interesting.

John's family uses some of the summer to visit the University and Trades College. John reads the catalogues and visits the Engineering Building He goes to the cafeteria and talks to some engineering students. He likes the University best ...

John phones an engineer that one of his friend's father knows. He wants t find out about the different types of engineers. The engineer he talks to arranges for him to visit a civil. mechanical, chemical, and electrical engineer. The electrical engineer's job seemed to be the most interesting so, he asks the man's permission to work voluntarily at his office for the rest of the summer.

John talks to his math teacher about how well he is doing in math. The teacher says he is doing well but he is not the best. His science teacher encourages him to take more math. When he talks to the visiting counsellor he is advised to be sure he does not close his mind to careers other than engineering.

John's parents and he talk about how much money it would cost to go away and do engineering. His father offers to help him if he would get a part-time tob. His parents feel he should get a job related to some kind of engineering.

John's parents and a few teachers neet with him to look over the alternatives. They carefully outline . three different plans for high school: one very hardprogram with all the math and science courses: one "medium

program with math and some sciences and social studies; one easy program with the minimum of math and science.

John is left to decide which plan he will

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TECHNICAL . Careers in which person works with machines and tools. Example: mechanic, machine operator, printer and repairman.

OUTDOORS Careers in which person prefers to work outdoors.

Example: wildlife specialist, gardener, hunting and fishing guide, roofer and sports writer. .

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Careers that help people on a long-term or continual basis. Example: teachers, social

clerk.

workers, doctors and ministers.

Careers in which person likes to create things using paint, print, music and other forms of communication. Example: photographer, interior designer, cartoonist and fashion designer.

Careers which involve working with formulae, equations and scientific equipment. Example: biologist, electronics technician, meat

inspector and chemist.

From: Safran, C. Safran Student's Interest Inventory - Counsellor's Thomas Nelson and Sons (Canada) Ltd., 1976.

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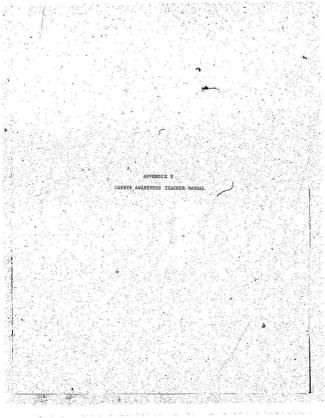
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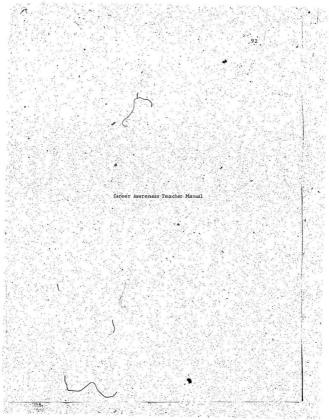
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Introduction

This Career Avareness Program has been developed to help the student become more aware of the process of chooging a type of career. Figure has been placed on various aspects of chooging careers rather than on the choice of one particular career. The student who plans post-secondary education before entering the work force; as well as the student who plans to work immediately upon completion of high school, will find this program of sid to him. Thus, it is a general program aimed at helpting all students who face. In the near future, a decision related to careers.

The Career Awareness Program is designed to be self-contained.

That is, teacher input is minimal. Although a teacher must attend each
of the four sessions to help those students who do not understand the
exercises, actual instruction is not a part of this program.

The sessions are independent, of each other, so that if a student misses one session, he will be able to understand without any difficulty the next session. The content of each is simed at Nelping the student become more mare of how jobs differ and how the student can begin to look at different careers as they relate to himself.

Brief Description of Each Session

Session 1 - "What is Carer Awareness?" deals with attitudes related
to work. The student exercises are comprised of the comparison of a few careers.

- Session 2 "Self-Exploration" addresses Itself to the interests and
 abilities required by selected careers. The student must
 then choose which interests and abilities he feels are
 most and least important to him in an occupational sense.
- Session 3 "Defision-saking" focuses on how to make a decision. The stylent is involved in seeking information for end helping a character, named John, with his problem.
- Session 4 "Cafeers" describes various careers. In this exercise,
 the student must indicate to which career cluster a given
 career belongs and which school subjects would be most
 helpful by the person who plans on entering the particular
 career.

The Teacher's Role

"The teacher's role, as mentioned Defore, is sinisal. Since student-teacher interaction is bound to occur, the teacher should help the student explore various kinds of careers rather than one particular career. The teacher should also encourage the student to think shout things he likes to do-the student's own interests and shilttes. This sometimes helps the student decide upon various types of careers. Since the purpose of this program is not to give specific information about careers and further education, the students should be urged, through writing letters to institutions, to seek further information. Finally, the teacher is urged to encourage both male and female students to gather information about careers which may have traditionally been sex sterestyped.

Description of Sessions

Session 1 - "What is Career Awareness?"

The purpose of this session is to help the student understand various factors he must consider when choosing a type of career, and also to help him realize how careers differ. Session I opens with a conversation between a student and school counsellor, who discuss various attitudes towards careers and working, in general. The conversation leads to a discussion of factors which must be considered when choosing a career. Interest, amount of education, job markets, travel and ability are the factors discussed. This selection of factors' is not meant to be exhaustive. The counsellor and student then talk about how careers differ. The careers of secretary and taxi driver are discussed. A two-minute break then follows in which the student reads the comparison of these two careers on page I of the student worksheet. After this break, the student and counsellor discuss the careers of telephone operator and lineman/cablesplicer. The student must then compare these two careers on page 2 of the work sheet. The final exercise in this session requires the student to compare any two careers of his choice.

The session will help the student grasp the idea that career differ in many ways. Since choosing a type of career may be a major decision in life, the student will be able to consider the various important factors regarding careers that are presented here. From this season, the student will realise that choosing a career or type of career resulties markous thought.

Session 2 - "Self-Exploration"

This session will help the student explore his own interests and stillities with respect to careers. The session opens with brief descriptions of seven careers -- butcher, furniture salesman, fireman, pharmacist, steel erector, teller and architect. The student must then complete the exercise on page 2 of the worksheet. This exercise consists of a list of interests and abilities on the left-hand side of the page with the names of the seven careers across the top. The student must check off which interests and abilities the seven careers involve "most of." An answer sheet is provided with this exercise, but this answer sheet should be used only as a guide, since many of the answers are subjective and the actual work involved in each career may vary from setting to setting. The last exercise helps the student think about his own interests and abilities. This exercise consists of the same list of interests and abilities as in the previous exercise, but in a different order. The student must put a check (v) beside each of the five interests and abilities which he considers most important, and an 'X' beside each of the five least important to him in a career. The student must then write in why a particular interest or ability is or is not important to him.

This session will help the student realize that because of their various interests and abilities, different people like different careers. The student will understand the importance of choosing a career which colonicides with his own interests and abilities. Finally, the student will be able to relate to careers some of his own interests and abilities.

Session 3 - "Decision-making"

This session will help the stident become familiar with the decision-making process. Session 3 opens with the student following a recorded reading of the section on page 1, enritled "Nov to Nake a Decision." It is expected that in the beginning most students will not understand these steps. After these steps are read, the student helps a character "John" with his decision. John is a grade 9 student who must choose which courses to take in grade 10. After hearing John's story, the student answers the questions on page 3 of the work-sheet. Once these questions have been answered, the student begins step 2, to "seek information that is related to the decision and identify the alternatives." The student is shown various methods of seeking information (see the top of page 4 on the worksheet). The last exercise allows the student to identify and evaluate alternatives.

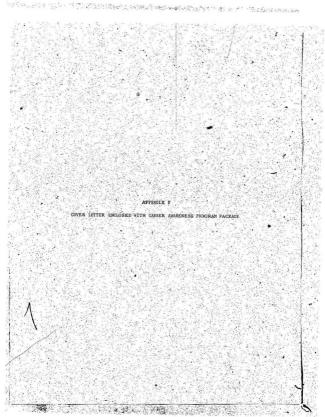
The student will then plan how his decision will be put into action—sleep 4. This exercise requires the student to select three pieces of information (on the bottom of page 4) which he feels would be most useful to John. Read these three pieces of information (on page 5 and 6) and then answer the questions on page 7.

This session lets the student understand how to make a decision. Since the student is actively involved in helping John with his decision, the student will be able to comprehend the decision-making process relatively easily. Seing instillar with the decision-making process, and being able to make wise decisions, are of greatest importance with respect to choosing carears or paths which may eventually lead to a particular career.

Session 4 - "Careers"

The purpose of this session is to help the student become isalitar with different types of careers. The mession opens with a description of different groups of careers, or career clusters, described on page 1 of the student worksheet. The session continues with a description of seven careers, and then the student is given two minutes to complete the exercise on page 2. In this exercise, the atident checks off which career cluster a particular career belongs to, and the achiel subjects which would be most helpful to that career. The answers to this exercise are shown on the screen. If the student carnot read these answers, the teacher reads them. This pattern of descripting seven careers with the exercise is continued two more times. Thus, a total of twenty-one careers are described in three sets of seven careers with three worksheets to accompany each set.

Complementing the theme of Sension 1, this session will help the student learn about different careers. Career clusters can be useful to the student if he evaluates each with respect to his own interests and abilities, as was explored in Session 2. Finally, this session exphanizes the isportage of personal and professional development through education. The student will better realize how important education is to all careers.



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Dear

Enclosed is the Career wareness Program material which you requested for your Grade IX students. I trust your students will enjoy this program and gain waluable knowledge from it.

It would be appreciated if you could return the entire program, minus the student worksheets, to use a soon, as possible, as this program has been scheduled to be mailed to another school ten (10) days after your accordance when the program saterial, you will find enclosed a return address label and phatage.

I look forward to seeing this material being improved upon because of your help, and then being made available to all schools in Newfoundland wishing to become involved in same.

Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nancy Wilson, Graduate Student

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Four (A) Filmstrips
Two (2) Cassette Tapes

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Two (2) Cassette Tapes) TO BE RETURNED)
One (1) Teacher Manual)
Career Maturity Inventories)
Answer Sheets)

Student Worksheets) NOT TO BE RETURN

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APPENDIX.G

MATERIAL FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF TEACHER REACTION TO THE CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM: LETTER AND EVALUATION FORM.



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Thank you for your cooperation in participating in the Career Auareness program. We are looking forward to aseing improvements an thid program in the future. In order to make more improvements, we are beaking your maintaines and advice with regard to the Career Awareness program. Explosed is a short evaluation form with questions appreciate if if you could help us improve this program by answering the questions and reterming the avaluation form to us as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Wilson, Graduate Student.

D.S. Watts, Ed.D., Associate Professor.

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Session 4 - "Careers"				14.5

Rate each session with respect to the <u>visual</u> portion of the Career Awareness program. Put a check in the appropriate box.

	Ineffective	Minimally	Effective	Very Effective
Session 1 - "What is Career Awareness"		4		
Session 2 - "Self Exploration", ,	YS.	v-		
Session 3 - "Decision-making"	161	200		
Session 4 - "Careers"	2,3 7 10		u .	

Would you be interested in ordering the Career Awareness Program next year for the benefit of your ninth grade students?

According to	your ninth grade	students! reactions and	comments a
the program,	how do you feel	your students would rate	the progra

Very. Effective _ Effective What are your suggestions for further improvement of the Career Aware-

ness Program? (Use back of sheet if necessary).

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APPENDIX M

NUMBER OF STUDENTS, MEAN AND STANDARD DEVIATION
OF TESTS ADMINISTERED IN EACH SCHOOL

TABLE A

NUMBER OF STUDENTS, MEAN AND STANDARD DEVIATION OF POST-TEST AND PRE-TEST FOR EACH SCHOOL

			Post	Post-test				Pre-test	
Month	Counsellor Available			Mean.	Standard	ion	ď	Mean	Standard
1,50	No counsellor	16		30:625	3.05		*	*	-de
2 .	Part-time counsellor	24		32.083	4.827		*	,*	*
	Part-time counsellor	. 23	85	29:391	4.520	Jan 19	*	*	*
reprinary	No counsellor	111		27.455	5.067		12	25.583	3.528
	No counsellor	. 22.		31.545	4.194		23	31.087	4.389
	Part-time counsellor	. 24		31.958	4. 601	2.00	. 26.	30.769	4.794
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		13		3	1000	1			
	No counsellor	. 14		30.286	5.518		*	*	*
A Comment	Part-time cognsellor	21		30.286	4.185		*	-te	*
uarcu .	No counsellorie	80		32.500	5.707	8000	. 18	30,111	5.312
	Part-time counsellor	. 26		31.423	4.483		.29	30.517	. 4.748
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A pre-feet was not administered

