### **Career Plan Sample One - Illustration**

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##### **Career Field and Specific Jobs**

**Write a paragraph or two using complete sentences and correct English to explain the following:**

I’d like to work towards a fine art career in Illustration. I chose this field because I like drawing, working with visual images and using my creativity. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the Illustration field is expected to grow six percent between 2016 and 2026.

The BLS lists the following as regular duties of this job:

***“Illustrators*** *create pictures for books, magazines, and other publications and for commercial products, such as textiles, wrapping paper, stationery, greeting cards, and calendars. Increasingly, illustrators are using computers in their work. They might draw in pen and pencil and then scan the image into a computer program to be colored in, or they might use a special pen to draw images directly onto the computer.” -Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook*

# **Specific Jobs in Chosen Field**

**List any jobs that you could possibly get in your field.**

* Tattoo Artist
* Logo/Branding Designer
* Special Effects Makeup
* Courtroom Artist
* T-shirt Designer
* YouTube Video Creator
* Underwater Photographer
* Wedding Photographer

##### **Certifications or Degrees Needed**

*“Most fine artists pursue postsecondary education to earn degrees that can improve their skills and job prospects. A formal educational credential is typically not needed for anyone to be a craft artist. However, it is difficult to gain adequate artistic skills without some formal education.*

*A large number of colleges and universities offer bachelor's and master’s degrees in fine arts. In addition to offering studio art and art history, postsecondary programs may include core subjects, such as English, marketing, social science, and natural science. Independent schools of art and design also offer postsecondary education programs, which can lead to a certificate in an art-related specialty or to an associate’s, bachelor’s, or master’s degree in fine arts.*

*Education gives artists an opportunity to develop their portfolio, which is a collection of an artist’s work that demonstrates his or her styles and abilities. Portfolios are essential, because art directors, clients, and others look at them when deciding whether to hire an artist or to buy the artist’s work. In addition to compiling a physical portfolio, many artists choose to create a portfolio online so that potential buyers and clients can view their work on the Internet.”*

*-Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook*

# **My Network**

**List people who could be helpful with your job search. Include some of the following people:** Shop Teacher, Home School Teacher, Guidance Counselors, Employers, Parents & Friends**.** Include people’s name, position, and their school or business.

Example:

Mr. Albert Tucker, Commercial & Graphic Art Instructor, TCHS Pickering Campus [alt@cciu.org](mailto:alt@cciu.org)

Ms. Lea Scott, Guidance Counselor, TCHS Pickering Campus [leas@cciu.org](mailto:leas@cciu.org)

###### **Action Plan**

### **What is SOAR and how can it help me in the future? Visit:** [**http://www.cciu.org/domain/423**](http://www.cciu.org/domain/423) **and answer the following questions:**

What does SOAR stand for?

Name three things needed to qualify for free SOAR Credits?

Is your program SOAR eligible, if yes under what name and number (example: Institutional Food Workers 12.0508)?

Now visit: [CollegeTransfer.net](http://www.collegetransfer.net/Search/PABureauofCTESOARPrograms/tabid/3381/Default.aspx) and enter the name or code from above. Scroll down and list two institutions and the number of SOAR credits they award for your program.

Does your program have an articulation agreement and if so with whom?

### **Write a paragraph or two using complete sentences and correct English to explain the following:**

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Currently I am enrolled in the Commercial & Graphic Arts program at TCHS Pickering. I’m taking college prep level courses. I plan to graduate in 2020. After graduation I might attend a community college where I would be taking some of the following courses: Drawing, Two-Dimensional Design, Computer Art, Advertising Design, Life Drawing, Typography, Digital Imaging, Social Media Technologies, History of Modern Art and Three Dimensional Design.

Enrollment options will be explored early in 12th grade. I would most likely pursue an Associates Degree in Graphic Design and may enter a Bachelor’s program eventually.