

Key Enhancements

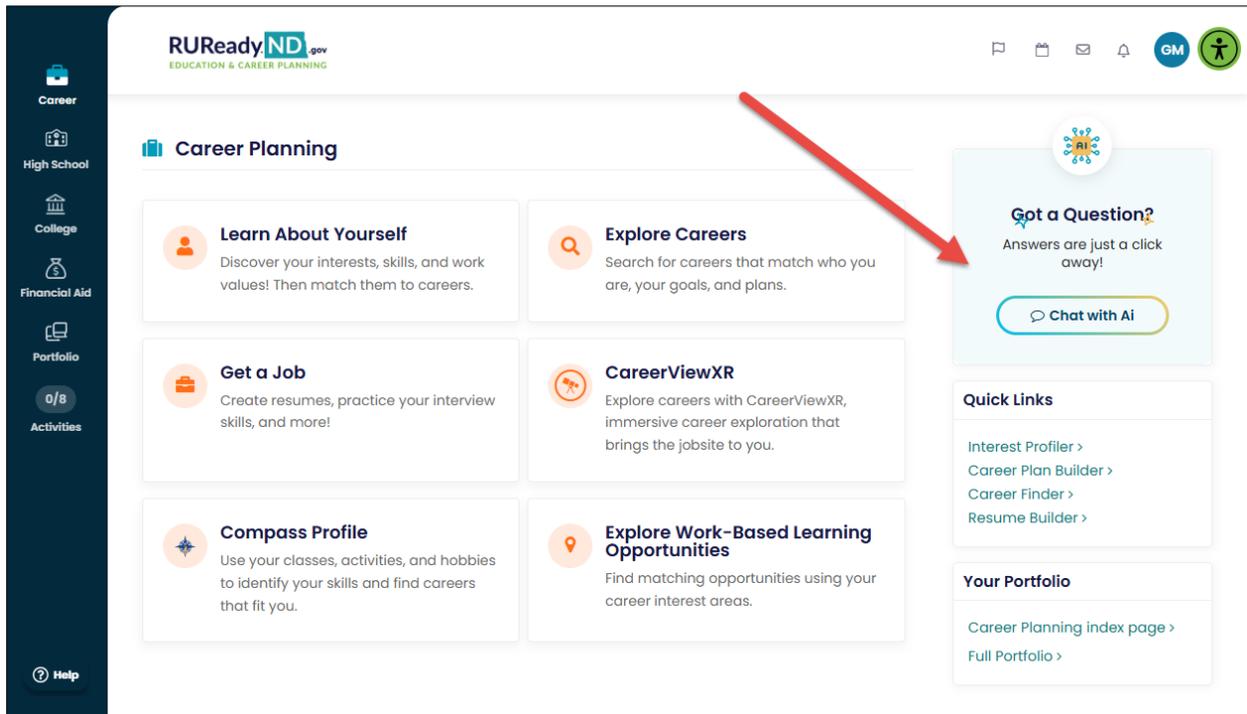
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1. Ai Assist Added to RUReady.ND.gov

Ai Assist personalizes career exploration by providing tailored insights, helping students discover career options, explore education paths, and create customized plans to achieve their goals.

- Save time with Ai-drive insights that guide students toward tailored career paths and goals.
- Empower students to take charge of their futures while you focus on personalized advising.
- Leverage Ai to streamline career exploration, making it engaging, efficient, and impactful for all learners.

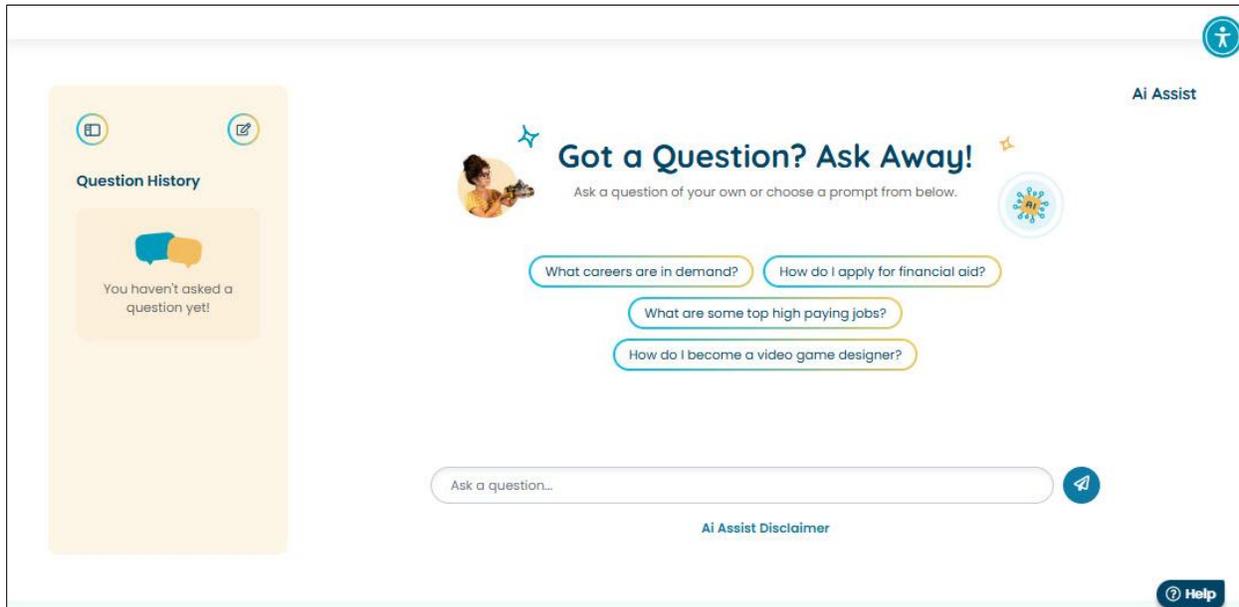
Ai Assist is available from the home page as well as the career planning page.



Ai Assist from the Career Planning page

Ai Assist defaults to offer four questions:

- What careers are in demand?
- How do I apply for financial aid?
- What are some high paying jobs?
- How do I become a video game designer?



Ai Assist landing page

Students can use these questions to begin a conversation with Ai Assist to explore career paths and postsecondary options. Alternatively, they can create their own custom conversations. As students interact with Ai Assist, it learns from their questions to provide more personalized responses.

RUReady.ND’s Ai Assist is designed to be friendly and engaging, with responses tailored to appropriate reading levels for students. Additionally, students have the option to revisit or delete their conversations with Ai Assist at any time.

It's important to note that Ai Assist is programmed to block the entry of any personally identifying information, ensuring a safe and secure experience.

Your Students’ Privacy, Our Priority

At XAP, we understand the importance of protecting student data, especially when using Ai in education. RUReady.ND.gov is built with privacy concerns in mind, strictly adhering to FERPA and COPPA regulations. Our platform delivers powerful Ai-driven guidance without storing or ingesting any student information. Trust us to keep your students' information safe while empowering their future.

2. Career Cluster Map Activity Updated Tracking

We've introduced enhancements to Career Cluster Map activity to support annual planning and improve progress tracking for students and educators.

What's New

Annualization Option Added

- Administrators can now opt to track completion of Career Cluster Map activity annually within the **Assignment & Curriculum Builder** management tool in the Professional Center.
- Annual tracking is available for **grades 6 and above**.
- The completion criteria for Career Cluster Map remains unchanged.

To help students quickly understand progress when assigned Career Cluster Map:

- *Never Completed*: Students will see the instructions "Complete the Career Cluster Map."
- *Previously Completed & Assigned Again*: Students will see a prompt to review and update prior responses, along with a checkbox indicating their responses are up to date.
- *Completed*: Students will see:
 - A green completion ribbon
 - The completion date
 - The My Progress indicator will indicate completion.

Note:

- The option "Want to start over? Clear your ratings and start again" has been removed to preserve accurate tracking and reporting over time.

Benefit to Educators

These updates make it easier to:

- Track student completion year over year
- Encourage students to revisit and refine their future plans without losing historical completion data.

Bug Fixes & Improvements

- Merge Accounts – The instructions were clarified to indicate that Plans of Study merge.
- Parent/Guardian Information – The layout and design of the form enabling students to add information about their parent or guardian in the Parent/Guardian section of This is Me has been updated.
- Directions After High School – The appearance of the Directions After High School tile when assigned and completed has been updated.