

## **Review the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET)**

### **Background Information**

*intoCAREERS* is an Outreach Center in the College of Education at the University of Oregon. *intoCAREERS* develops and maintains the Career Information System (CIS), a comprehensive Career Information Delivery System (CIDS). *intoCAREERS* licenses CIS components to state entities that localize the content (i.e., occupational licensing, LMI data) and provides access to the system in their state. CIS is used by individuals in different life stages. It is currently used successfully by students at various levels: middle school, high school, and postsecondary settings. It is used by adults in various settings: workforce centers, vocational rehabilitation, and corrections. CIS is also used successfully in public libraries.

O\*NET is the primary source for the occupation profiles in CIS. *intoCAREERS* developed the first CIS profiles based on O\*NET data in 2000. We do not use the O\*NET data directly. In some cases O\*NET occupations are combined into a single CIS profile for career exploration purposes. We use almost 700 O\*NET codes to create 500+ occupation profiles. The O\*NET content, such as the task statements, is rewritten to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade reading level so that it is more accessible to users. We maintain a separate version of the occupation profiles for use in middle schools and with special needs students. This version includes a subset of the occupations, fewer topics, and is written at a 6th grade reading level. With each release of O\*NET *intoCAREERS* updates the CIS profiles based on the new data.