

# MYTH BUSTERS

## Myths and Realities for Men Considering Nontraditional Studies and Careers

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## MYTH

Men are not (or are less) nurturing and thus cannot make good nurses and teachers.

## REALITY

Nurturing is more a matter of personality and skills, not gender.

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A man's place is in the workforce making money and as the breadwinner in the family.

## REALITY

Although more women than men are the main caregiver in their families, more and more fathers are becoming the primary parent for their child(ren). With most wives/mothers working full-time, fathers need to participate fully in the important job of raising their children.

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Creativity and the arts (music, dance, visual arts) are not masculine.

## REALITY

Boys and girls, women and men have equal capacities to be creative.

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Men are not emotional.

REALITY

Boys and men have all the same feelings as girls/women have.

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## MYTH

All boys and men who are interested in nontraditional studies and careers (such as nursing, cooking, child care) are gay/homosexual and sissies.

## REALITY

Our sexual orientation is an important part of who we ARE, but has little or nothing to do with what we DO, such as what we study and what kind of career/job we have.

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## MYTH

A man can't make enough money if he goes into a nontraditional career or job.

## REALITY

Men can make a good living supporting themselves and helping to support their families. Men need the permission to pursue studies and careers based on their interests, skills and satisfaction, not solely on how much money these jobs/careers pay.

# Be a myth buster!

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