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Exploring Careers: Look Before You Leap

What would your personal dream job be? What kind of preparation (college, community college, apprenticeships, professional programs, certificates, workshops, etc.) would you need to get it? If you were to look in your community for a similar job, what company could you contact for information about their business?

Minimum High School Graduation Requirements

Occupation / Career

Salary Range

Job Availability and Outlook

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

You need to think about what you expect your life to be like in 5 to 10 years. Do you have a career path and job that you feel you are going into? Many young people expect to get married and have children in a family. When you think about your future career, think about the life you want to go along with it and another career path may suit your expectations better.

Average Weekly Earnings

Projected Job Growth

College or Training Program of Interest

Certifications (career readiness, etc.)

Transcript and record of GPA and attendance

Student organizations and clubs related to your career interest

Internships or work related to your career of interest

Portfolio of career-related school work

Personal career interests and goals. Indicate where the college or program is connected with your current dreams and goals. A college where the program is located and the requirements for the college or program.

How’s Your Plan?

Visit Missouri Connections Website

We have the questions, you have the answers.

Career Pathways

A tool to help you explore your interests, target career clusters, and plan your future.

Making Money

Learn how to make the money you need to live on your desired lifestyle. You can choose a career that matches what you want to do.

Plan It, Do It

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Getting Ready...

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Interests and/or hobbies related to your career of interest

Income Sources

Repayment Plan

Interest Survey Results

Career Plan Confidence

World Class as I want to be

I want to represent

I feel good about the final match

I plan my plan is a good match for me

I don’t know where to start

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High school course related to your career interests.

If you are in high school, what high school course are you taking?

If you are in college or training program, what high school course are you taking?

This year, I learned the most about myself when I...

My career field interest survey is...

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Health Education

3 units...

Mathematics

4 units...

Communication Arts

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1/2 unit...

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DECREASING PYRAMID OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

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Human Services

Human Services are needed in every community in America. Education and training programs help you develop the knowledge and skills needed to be an effective human service provider. These programs provide opportunities to work with people from different backgrounds and cultures. Education and training programs can lead to jobs with a wide variety of employers, including government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and businesses. You will have the opportunity to work in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, social service agencies, and schools.

Career Paths

Missouri has identified in Career Paths a way to help people explore and prepare for and plan education and training to learn careers in a logical and meaningful way. Career Paths is a good starting point for your career exploration.

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While you are exploring career options, remember to go beyond the virtual. Nothing compares with the first-hand information you can get by talking with someone in your Career Cluster of interest. Participate in job shadowing or an internship, complete a project at school that connects you to a particular field, or take a hands-on career class at the community college. Your community college can provide you with more information on career options.

In the next three months, I plan to take this action:

- Meet with a college counselor to discuss college options.
- Research colleges and universities that offer programs in fields that interest me.
- Attend college fairs and information sessions.
- Talk to current college students to get first-hand information on college life.

As I make progress toward my goal, I will:

- Keep track of my progress.
- Re-evaluate my goals and make adjustments as necessary.
- Use the resources available to me to achieve my goals.

I will use these resources:

- Community college counseling center
- Career resource center
- Internet search engines
- College fairs and information sessions

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Career Path: Interest Survey

You have the questions. We have the answers.

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