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for College and Career Planning Bootcamp

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Career Action Plans: Behind Tab #4

Careers, College Majors, and Curricula: Behind Tab #5

# **DECISION MODEL** COLLEGE MAJOR

- Gen Ed courses
- Curriculum plan
- Internship

# for Decision Making

- Career
- College Major



INTERESTS

# VALUES

PERSONALITY

Review curricula

and Admission

Requirements

**Academic Advisor** 

Counselor/

- Informational Interviewing
- Job Shadowing

- Highlands Ability Battery
- Strong Interest Inventory
- Myers Briggs Type Indicator
- **TypeFocus**



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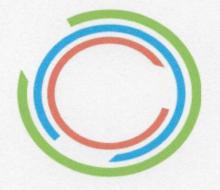
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Career Exploration
Supplement



TypeFocus
Career Assessment

Career Action Plans



College Action Plans

### **CAREER ACTION PLANS**

### STEP 1. Assessment

Based on the results of the above assessment tools, these are the occupations that intereme most:
a)
b)
c)
d)
e)
f)
g)
h)
i)
j)
STEP 2. Career Exploration:
After researching my career interests, my top three careers are:
Career #1:
Educational Requirements: (i.e., certificate, high school diploma, college degree, related college majors)

<b>Training Requirements</b> (i.e., apprenticeship, on—the-job training, certification or icensing)				
Skills or Special Personal Characteristics: (i.e., good oral and written communication skills, the ability to work alone and as part of a team or high ethical standards.)				
Salary:				
Employment Outlook:				
<b>Other</b> (i.e., working conditions, advancement opportunities, anything else I feel is important):				
Career #2:				
Educational Requirements: (i.e., certificate, high school diploma, college degree, related college majors)				
Training Requirements (i.e., apprenticeship, on—the-job training, certification or licensing)				

<b>Skills or Special Personal Characteristics:</b> (i.e., good oral and written communication skills, the ability to work alone and as part of a team or high ethical standards.)
Salary:
Employment Outlook:
Other ( i.e., working conditions, advancement opportunities, anything else I feel is important):
Career #3:
Educational Requirements: (i.e., certificate, high school diploma, college degree, related college majors)
Training Requirements (i.e., apprenticeship, on—the-job training, certification or licensing)
Skills or Special Personal Characteristics: (i.e., good oral and written communication skills, the ability to work alone and as part of a team or high ethical standards.)
Salary:
Employment Outlook:

Other ( i.e., working conditions, advancement opportunit):	rtunities, anything else I fe	el is
STEP 3: Action		
<b>a. After narrowing my options,</b> I have decided I would like to become a (n): <i>i.e., Accou</i>	<u>ntant</u>	
<ul> <li>b. Creating my action plan.</li> <li>i. The first step is to set goals. They can be occup training goals. Goals should be realistic and spii. Now take each of these goals and identify the s This is your action plan.</li> </ul>	ecific.	iem.
My short-term career goals (i.e., in a day, within a wee months).	k, or possibly within a few	<b>V</b>
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Action Steps to be taken	Target Date	Done
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5.			
My long-term career goals (i.e., one semester, one	e year, five year	ars, or twenty yea	rs).
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### c. Possible Roadblocks to Achieving My Goals.

You have your action plan but things can still go wrong that make it hard for you to reach your goal. Think of it as being roadblocks to reaching your destination. You need find a detour or another route to get there. If you are prepared in advance, you will not get lost. Examples of roadblocks are lack of support from parents or others, young children, child care, elderly or sick parents, any type of disability, finances, etc.

List any roadblocks you can think of and develop a strategy of how to deal with each one as they arise.

Possible Roadblocks	Possible Detours to Roadblocks		

Adapted from Athabasca University Counseling Services, Alberta, Canada (May 2012)

### INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS

There are interviews you go on to get a job; interviews you do to write an article or a paper for school; and interviews you do simply to learn about a career or field. This last kind of interview is what careerplanning professionals like to call an "informational interview." It lets professionals in the fields you are considering give you the lowdown on what it really means to be in a certain career field day in and day out. The information they share may excite you, or it may make you say, "Hold up. I'm not so sure about that part of the gig!" So, now you know how great informational interviews are and you want to set one up. Tap into your friends', neighbors' and parents' contacts.

Oh, and we bet you're wondering what to ask . . . use these questions to get started, and be sure to come up with some of your own, too:

What do you enjoy about your work?
What is your least favorite thing about your work?
What takes most of your time and attention during the day?
How would you describe a typical workday?
What would you change about your typical day if you could?
What qualities should a person have to be successful in this field?
What suggestions do you have for someone interested in entering your line of work?

Your specific questions about the career you are considering:

After the informational interview, be sure to write a thank-you to the professional who took his/her time to increase your understanding about the career. It can be an email or a hand-written/snail mail thank you.

### CAREERS, COLLEGE MAJORS, AND CURRICULA

Top careers based on "Who Am I?"

1.	
2.	
3.	
Jnivei	rsities I am considering:
1.	
1.	
	Website:
	Admission requirements:
	Should I be admitted: Yes No Maybe (ifexplain):

Possible college majors for (career; include the College the major is in):				
Pro's:				
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Con's				
Notes:				

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Con's		
Notes:		

### Application Checklist

SCHOOL	DUE DATE	ESSAYS WRITTEN	TESTS SUBMITTED	APP. SUBMITTED	ACCEPTA DATE
				1	

# College Visit Checklist

School:	
	What is it like off campus? •
DATE: WEATHER: GUIDED TOUR: Y OR N ADMITTED: Y OR N	Where would I live after the dorms?  •
5 things I liked about the CAMPUS:	What would I like to look into more? •
1.	
2.	•
3.	
_4.	How did this school make me FEEL?
_5.	
5 things I liked about the PROGRAMS:	
1.	
2.	
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4.	
5.	

## College Planning Checklist

School:	reach goal security
Location Avg. GPA	
Majors	
Avg. Cost	
Essay topics	
App due	
School:	reach goal security
Location	
Avg. GPA	
Majors	
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Essay topics	
App due	
School:	reach goal security
Location	
Avg. GPA	
Majors	
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Essay topics	
App due	

School:	reach goal security
Location	
Avg. GPA	
Majors	
Avg. Cost	
Essay topics	
App due	
School:	reach goal security
Location	( )
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Majors	
Avg. Cost	
Essay topics	
App due	
School:	reach goal security
Location	
Avg. SAT	
Majors	
Avg. Cost	
Essay topics	
App due	
Additional sch	ools:
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