Researching Careers and Occupations

Now that you have identified something that sounds interesting for you to explore, it is time to do some research. Finding information about specific careers and occupations can prove to be very helpful in your decision making process. Use the statements and questions below to help guide you through in finding more information about your potential career.

Career/Occupation: ____________________________________________________________

1. Describe the nature of the work, including the required skills. What is a typical day like?

2. Identify the education or training that is required to enter and to progress in the field.

3. Identify opportunities for advancement.

4. Research the projected outlook and trends in this field.

5. Find out the salary range and types of benefits you can expect. Consider non-monetary rewards also.

6. Identify the personal characteristics that are required of someone in this occupation. Do you have them?

7. Identify the values and/or mission associated with this occupation. Do they match your values and expectations?

8. Consider geographical location. Is this occupation only available in a certain area of the country/world?

9. Based on your research, determine how well the nature of the work suits your interests, values, skills, abilities, and personality characteristics. List the advantages and disadvantages of this occupation for you.

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10. Based on what you have learned, will you keep it as one of your career options? Yes ____ No ____