

Self-Assessment

Not sure what you want to do for a major or career?

Have an idea of what you want to do, but not sure if it is a good fit for you?

Then start with some self-assessment to help clarify your goals and create an education and employment plan.

Step 1: Ask yourself some questions....

- What **activities** do you really enjoy? What types of magazines, books or sections of the newspaper do you read?
- What are your **favorite school subjects**?
- What **type of working environment** interests you? (an office, a healthcare setting, a school, someplace outside, home?)
- What are the **things you are most proud of**?
- Think about what **jobs** you have liked and disliked and why

Step 2: Utilize self-assessments to help identify occupations or career clusters that may be right for you

Eureka

www.eureka.org; Site ID TSGEYKW

True Colors: Takes 5-10 minutes and identifies occupations based on your personality

MicroSkills: Takes 30 minutes and identifies occupations based on skills you have and value in a job

Ocu-Sort: Takes 20 minutes and sorts occupations based on job tasks you identify as positive or negative

Occupation/Industry 1

Occupation/Industry 2

Occupation/Industry 3

California Career Zone

www.cacareerzone.org

Quick Assessment: Takes 5 minutes and will identify occupations based on your personality

Interest Profiler: Has 180 questions and takes 30 minutes and will identify occupations based on your interests

Work Importance Profiler: Takes about 30 minutes and will identify occupations based on what you feel is important to you in a job and/or work setting

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Step 3: Conduct Research on the Occupations and Industries you have identified

Complete the **Career Research Sheet** for each occupation/industry that you are interested in to learn more about whether it is a good choice for you.

When completing the **Career Research Sheet**, make sure you use a variety of resources to get your information.

Many of the **online resources** (including Eureka) listed in The Career Center and on the **website**

(http://www.piercecollege.edu/offices/career_center/) can assist you in your research. In addition, looking at current job openings in that field can give you a sense of what type of education and/or training most employers are looking for as well as the variety of specific jobs available.

Other sources for Career Information include

- Informational Interviews
- Vocational Biographies (www.vocbiosonline.com) username: **lapc** password: **anna**
- Attend career fairs
- Print resources in the Career Center Library

Career Research Sheet

Job Title/Field of Interest: _____

GOE Code: _____ SOC Code: _____ Holland Code: _____

Job Duties:

Necessary Training/Education:

Majors that lead to this profession:

Local Education/Training Programs:

Salary Range

Job Outlook (projected industry growth)

Who could you work for? (types of companies/organizations) What kind of work environments?

Why would you like it?

Why wouldn't you like it?

Sources for additional information

After completing the self-assessments and Career Research Sheets, you may want to see one of the Counselors for a **Career Counseling Appointment**. In these appointments, Counselors can assist you with further career exploration and may utilize additional assessment tools such as the Myers Brigg and Strong Interest Survey to help you identify majors of study and career paths that may be right for you.

To make a Career Counseling Appointment, visit the online appointment page which can be accessed from the Counseling Center website.