



Frederick Community College



Career Services Counseling & Advising

The Road to Success



**Choosing the right
Major/Career**

Where do I begin?




Step 1: Learn about yourself

Creating a list is key!

- **What are your interests, skills, values, personality style?**
- **What courses have you done well in?**
- **What volunteer work, clubs, or activities have you done?**

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- A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pen, poised to write on a piece of paper with a grid pattern. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a desk with some papers and a pen holder. The lighting is warm and focused on the hand and the pen tip.
- **What kind of people do you enjoy being around?**
 - **What words describe you? How would others describe you?**
 - **Based on the list, what majors/careers come to mind?**

Online Resources



FCC Career Resources Links

- Take online self-assessments: [Learn About Yourself](#)
- Receive feedback on careers and majors that are a good match for you

Online Resources

A man and a woman in business attire are looking at a tablet together. The man is on the left, wearing a light-colored shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a white shirt. They are both looking intently at the tablet held by the man. The background is bright and out of focus.

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- A computerized career guidance program.
- Available online from the FCC Career Center website.
- Visit the Career and Transfer Center for log-in steps.

What's Next?



**Step 2: Choosing your ideal
career match**

Research various majors/careers!



- **Create a list of 10 careers your are considering.**
- **Research those careers to find what majors will best prepare you for working in that field.**
- **What are the duties/skills needed to succeed in these majors/careers?**

Research various majors/careers!



- Where do you see yourself working in 5 years, 10 years?
- What is the job outlook of your chosen careers?
- What salary do you desire?

Online Resources

A close-up photograph of a person's hand clicking a white computer mouse. In the background, a white keyboard is visible on a wooden desk. The image is slightly blurred, focusing on the hand and mouse.

FCC Career Resources Links

- Utilize the Career Exploration link: [Exploring Careers and Majors](#)
- Gather factual information about various careers to help you with choosing a major and a career.

Who can help me?



Step 3: Find outside help

Seek outside counsel from:



- **Career Counselors, Career Advisors, Academic Advisors.**
- **Professors who teach within your chosen major.**
- **Students within your chosen major**
- **Professionals working in your chosen careers field.**

Additional Resources

ACE Courses: ACE110 & ACE111A

- Career assessment and planning courses.
- Evaluates the student's strengths, values, interests, and personality to match with possible careers.
- Assists students with goal setting and decision making strategies.

Additional Resources

Career Services Workshops

- **Provide assistance with self-assessments and career exploration.**
- **Provide tutorials on resume and cover letter writing as well as interview techniques.**

Take a moment



Brainstorm and Reflect

Look at all of your options

A man in a light blue shirt is sitting in a wooden chair, leaning back with his hands on his head in a gesture of stress or overwhelm. The background is a light gray wall covered with numerous colorful sticky notes (yellow, orange, pink, green) that appear to be floating or falling around him, creating a sense of being inundated with information or options.

- **Reflect on all the information you have gathered.**
- **What majors and careers interest you and are a good match?**
- **What do you believe are your next steps?**

It's up to you now!

SUCCESS

BEFORE CHOOSING
A **COLLEGE** OR
CAREER

College can be expensive, but choosing
the wrong school or wrong major makes
it significantly more expensive

