



PLANNING YOUR FUTURE

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Here are some websites to visit and research information about Careers, Colleges, Financial Aid and College Entrance Exams.

Researching Careers: When you do research, you need to look for the following information:

- How do your interests and abilities connect to a career?
- What college degrees, licenses, certifications or specialty training will you need for the career you want?
- How many years will it take you to get to the career you want?
- What is the job description of the career you are interested in? What will you be doing?
- What is the average starting salary of an entry level position?
- What opportunities for advancement will you have in this career? What are the benefits of this career?
- Where will you have to live for this career?
- What is the job outlook for the future in this career? Is it growing or dying?

CAREER WEBSITES:

Occupational Outlook Handbook www.bls.gov/oco/

O*net Online www.onetonline.org/

Mapping Your Future <http://mappingyourfuture.org/>

Career One Stop www.careeronestop.org/StudentsandCareerAdvisors

My Future <http://www.myfuture.com>

Internet Career Connection <http://iccweb.com/index.html>

Career Development Resources www.cdr.state.tx.us

Career Explorer www.careerexplorer.net

College Board and ACT websites provide excellent guides for career planning.

- The College Board website (www.collegeboard.com/career) includes an online Career Questionnaire that will point you to possible careers based on responses to sections on temperament, abilities, working conditions, educational interest areas, salary requirements, and future demand for the employment area.
- The ACT website (www.act.org/pate/parent/career) encourages parents and student to work together in a career planning process that is developed in six steps. As you progress through high school, continue to visit these websites that continue to expand their guidance for students and their parents. Also, use career and continuing education guidance programs available on your campus

