

Before you decide on a career or vocation let's examine the following factors:

- Your values (values are beliefs or things that are important to you)
- Skills (what you are good at – an example is working with people or your hands)
- Personality Traits (type of person you are – for example enjoying working outdoors/hands-on)
- Your Interests (what do you enjoy doing, what's your passion?)

If you want to create a career that lights you up, you have to start by looking inside. Unlock your self-expertise. Take time to ask the important questions, such as

- What do I love doing, and why?
- When am I at my best?
- What feels right for me?
- What inspires me?
- What would I do if I got paid by how the work I do makes me feel?
- What will I regret not pursuing when I look back at the end of my life?

Major or Career Decision Process

The following steps provide a systematic process for clarifying career goals and deciding on a major or a career. Following these steps can help you identify a major you'd like to study or occupations in which there is a high probability for success and satisfaction. You move through the process when you are ready to do so, and you may move back and forth between steps at any given time.

STEP 1: **Personal Assessment** Jobs/Values, Personality and Career Assessments

There are several free personality and career assessments. Please go to the Career and College Resource page.

STEP 2: **Research Careers** Go to sites listed below to research careers, read articles

Please go to the Career and College Resource page to gather information on careers and employment outlooks,.

STEP 3: **Organize Your Findings** Gather all assessments and analyze data

STEP 4: **Clarify Career Options** Weight the information, identify options, and develop a list

STEP 5: **Evaluate Findings** Evaluate and consider possible outcomes, consequences, etc

STEP 6: **Select Options** Select a primary and secondary career option

STEP 7: **Set Into Motion (take action)** Develop an educational plan: make an appt. to meet with a college counselor on-campus by calling 791-2329/791-3663 or stop by the Counseling Office.

Link to planning your future <http://www.californiacareers.info/ccpg.html>