



CAREER EXPLORATION RESOURCES

*When you're searching for a career, the best thing you can do is cast a wide net.
Before choosing, look around for options you never knew existed.*

Start With Self-Reflection:

- (1) Try [Focus2](#), which offers career assessment quizzes and suggests career matches as well as possible majors at Clark University.
- (2) **Use your academic coursework as a means of exploration.** Take a diverse selection of coursework and assess your strengths and skills, while also considering what subjects you enjoy.
- (3) [Make an appointment with your career advisor](#) to sort out your thoughts and experiences.

Generate Ideas Online:

- (1) Try our career exploration tools, [FOCUS2](#) and [What Can I Do With This Major?](#) Both will give you broad areas of interest to explore further.
- (2) **Search for career guides on [Vault](#).** Our subscription version of Vault includes detailed career guides on dozens of options.
- (3) **Explore academic departments' home pages** on [Clarku.edu](#) for ideas. [Pre-health](#) and [pre-law](#) both have their own pages with lots of ideas.
- (4) **Scan the profiles of professionals on [LinkedIn](#)** (alumni and others). What job titles do people in your network have? What are alumni doing with their degrees? What paths have others taken?
- (5) **See what is open on job boards today.** Check [Handshake](#), [Vault](#), [Indeed](#), [Idealist](#), or check out the job search pages of [our website](#) to find the right niche job boards for you.
- (6) **Look at companies you admire.** Browse staff lists; see what job titles appeal to you. Then use O*Net or the OOH (below) to learn more about them. Use [Buzzfile](#) to find organizations.
- (7) **Dig into professional associations.** Conduct a Google search to identify associations in your area(s) of interest; they may have detailed resources to help you identify a career path in your chosen field.
- (8) [O*Net Online](#), published by the U.S. Department of Labor, is a database that will help you get a detailed sense of what it's like to work in over 900 jobs.
- (9) [The Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) (OOH), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, offers salary and other useful data on hundreds of occupations.

Generate Ideas By Talking To Others:

- (1) **“Interview” someone you already know about their career.** This could be a professor, Clark staff member, relative, or supervisor, friend of a family member, etc. Gather information about how they chose their career path and what other options they know about. Get a tip sheet for these “informational interviews” on the resources page of [the CCC website](#).
- (2) **Interview Clark alumni.**
 - Find them on [ClarkCONNECT](#), Clark’s platform to connect students with Clark alumni who have volunteered to mentor.
 - Search [LinkedIn’s alumni page](#).
 - Attend the [Alumni Job Shadow Program](#) over Winter Break.
- (3) **Attend [employer info sessions](#) and [job treks](#)** through the Career Connections Center.
- (4) **Attend conferences.** Conduct a Google search to identify professional associations in your area(s) of interest; they may have detailed resources to help you identify a career path in your chosen field. Most professional associations have a free or discounted student membership that will allow you to attend events or conferences.
- (5) **Join an on-campus club** that aligns with your interest areas, and talk with peers about their career interests. Attend their career-related events like alumni speaker panels.

Track Ideas and Questions

When you’re researching options, keep track of them on a spreadsheet like this one:

Job Idea or Job Title (Include where I found it):	Entry-level salary? Average salary?	Qualifications required:	Pros/cons:	Questions I still have about this job?
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