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:*

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