

## Use FOCUS 2 to help you select your Major and Career Path

FOCUS 2 will guide you through a reliable career and education decision making model to help you choose the right major at your college and make informed decisions about your career.

**Step 1:** Complete the FOCUS 2 Self Assessments

## Step 2:

- Explore occupations and majors presented in results of each assessment. Click on any occupation to learn more.
- Click on <u>Narrow and Refine Your Results: See Your Top Career Choices.</u> This
  feature combines two or more assessments' results so that only those
  occupations occurring in multiple lists are displayed. Click on any occupation to
  learn more.

## FOCUS 2 Main Menu



### Career Readiness

Career and Educational Goals Academic Strengths

Your Accomplishments

Your Career Planning Status

Your Personal Development Needs



# Self\_Assessment:

Work Interest Assessment

Leisure Interest Assessment

Skills Assessment

Personality Assessment

Values Assessment

Narrow and refine your results: See Your Top Career Choices

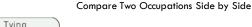


### **Explore the Possibilities**

Search by Name

Search by Industry

What can I do with a major in...?





## Your Personal Portfolio

Review & Update Your Saved Careers

Review & Update Your Saved Majors

Review & Print Your Portfolio



### **Recommended Tools and Websites**

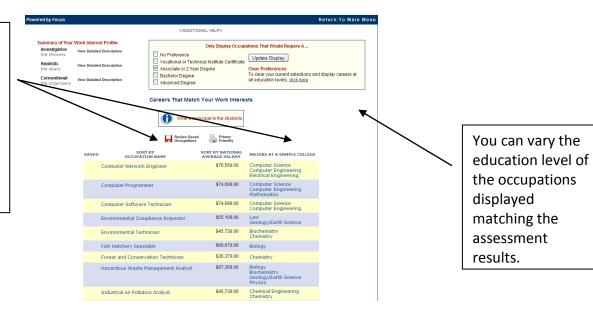
Upcoming Events

Job Board and Internship Opportunities

• Exploring the Occupation and Major Lists presented in assessment results.

Click on any occupation or major in the lists displayed in your assessment results.

Following completion of each assessment, you are presented with a list of Occupations and Majors at your college matching your assessment results.



Click on any occupation to learn about the occupation.



**Step 3:** Save your favorite occupations and majors with your comments, questions and rankings. By saving your preferred occupations and majors you are making decisions.

- Review and save at least 5 of your favorite occupations listed in your assessment results.
- Review and save 1-2 majors that will support those occupations.

List 5-10 of your favorite occupations that you have saved:

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List the majors offered at your college that support your favorite occupations:
Step 4: Click on What Can I do with a Major In? Click on any major of interest to you to learn more. Explore the occupations associated with that major. To learn more about a major of interest to you, click on any of the associated occupations in the list below the major and explore the following:
<u>Outlook:</u> What are the employment opportunities projected for these occupations?
Advancement: What opportunities are typically available to a person in this field?
<u>Interest Profile:</u> How do your work interests compare with the work interests of the occupations in this career field?
Contact Info: Link to Professional Associations related to this field.  Areas of Study: What are the education credentials and areas of study that are typically pursued by people in this field?
Summing it up
Which majors are most appealing to you after your in depth review of majors that support the occupations matching your self-assessments?
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What questions / comments do you have about the major(s) you are considering?

Do your preferred majors support your personality preferences, career interests, skills and values? Why is this major a good fit for you?

How does understanding your FOCUS 2 self assessment results give you career direction and guide your decision making?

Informed Decision Making: Continue to use FOCUS 2 as a resource to help you make informed decisions about your career and education.

- Evaluate your Career Readiness using all the features of that FOCUS 2 section and learn about effective ways to engage in career exploration using <u>Your Career</u> <u>Planning Status.</u>
- Understand your FOCUS 2 results. Review your results summarized in <u>Review</u>
   and <u>Print Your Career Portfolio</u> on your own and/or with your career counselor.
   Review your FOCUS 2 assessment results when writing your resume, cover letters and planning for interview. Know why your interests, personality type, values and skills are an asset in the work world.
- **Job Boards and Internship Opportunities** (under Recommended Tools and Websites on the Main Menu) Links to Job Boards allow you to explore the current job market in various categories.
- Continue your career and education exploration using FOCUS 2 features.
   Exploration of occupations is a key component of career planning. A student can explore occupations using several tools in FOCUS 2 including:
  - ✓ Search by Occupation Name: explore over 1,500 occupations
  - ✓ Search by Industry explore occupations associated with an industry area.
  - ✓ What can I do with a major in...? Learn more about the majors offered at your college and the occupations associated with those majors. This feature will help you explore majors and plan your next career step once you have identified your major. To explore majors not offered at your college and learn about specialization areas, scroll down beyond your college's major areas of study to explore a list of all majors offered in the U.S.
  - ✓ <u>Compare Two Occupations Side by Side</u> This feature offers a side by side comparison of any two occupations you would like to explore.