

FOCUS

is an online, self-guided, interactive program designed to help you select the best college major and plan your career based on your personal interests, values, skills, personality, and aspirations.

Students who use FOCUS make better decisions about their goals and plans and learn how to self-manage their careers.



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Tips For Using Messiah's
Online Career &
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How To Create Your Account:

1. **Go to our website:**
<http://www.messiah.edu/offices/career/>
2. **Follow the link.**
Select FOCUS button from the right side panel.
3. **Read the disclaimer.**
Once you have read the disclaimer, click "CONTINUE TO FOCUS."
4. **Create an account.**
Select "If you need to create new account, click here." Enter the Access Code: falcon
5. **Complete your profile.**
(We recommend using your campus email address as your user name and student ID as your password.)

Each time you return to this website, all you need to do is enter your **user name** and **password**. Remember—this system is case sensitive!



Resources For Choosing a Major

Sample Assessments

Work Interests - FOCUS matches your interests with potential occupations.

Personality - FOCUS matches your personality with occupations to help you understand the majors required for those occupations.

Specific Features

Click **Combine the Results of Multiple Assessments** to narrow down potential occupations.

Select **Areas of Study** to learn what majors and education plans are typically pursued by people working in an occupation.

"What Can I Do With a Major In..." reviews occupations for which a specific major will generally prepare you.

What Features of FOCUS Will Help Me?

- **Career Readiness** allows you to establish career and educational goals for yourself and monitor your progress.
- **Self-Assessment** helps you determine your interests, skills, and values as a foundation to the career exploration process (work interests, personality preferences, skills, work-place values, and leisure activities).
- **Explore the Possibilities** gives you the opportunity to search majors and occupations by different criteria.
- **Your Personal Portfolio** lets you archive and review your saved searches.
- **Recommended Tools & Websites** offers links to helpful websites.

DISCLAIMER

FOCUS is NOT a Messiah-specific website; therefore, information contained in this resource may not adequately represent all majors and career paths. It's important to keep in mind that FOCUS is meant to serve as a supplement to your career exploration. We encourage you to consult with a variety of career-related resources and tools, such as the Career Center website, a Career Center professional, and departmental resources.

For additional information on Messiah College majors and career options, please visit the Career Center's website. Also, be sure to visit the academic department websites.