

Job Exploration Questionnaire

An important part of the career decision-making process is career exploration and shadowing. As you begin your career exploration experience, there are some questions that need to be answered as part of your career and educational planning. The following questionnaire will be a valuable tool as you begin to make career choices, and as you formulate an educational plan that will match that career choice.

- What are your aptitudes, interests, values, experiences, and academic achievements? How do these match your career choice?
- Does your career choice require advanced education?
- Will you learn entry-level skills first?
- What are your post-secondary education possibilities?
- Will you need to work while continuing your education? If so, at what job?
- Describe the tasks you would normally perform, the kind of setting(s) in which you might work, the benefits and drawbacks, and current/projected job opportunities for this career choice.
- Explore how this career evolved and, based on that data, how the career tasks might change in the future. If these changes occur, would you still be interested in this career?
- What additional training/education might be required for these changes? Explain why you think this is a good career choice for you.
- Does your family, guardian, counselor, and teacher support this choice? Why or why not?
- Interview someone currently employed in the career you have chosen. Does the information gathered from this person support the data that you had already collected? If no, what was different or incorrect from this person's point of view?
- After further research, whose view were able to substantiate? Why and how?
- What academic subjects are important to this career?