10 fascinating facts

Career Paths, Goals, and Plans

Getting ready for your career requires exploring your education and training options, developing a career goal, and planning for future success.

1 Know your options
There are various education and training options to select to gain the skills and knowledge needed to enter your career field.

2 Four-year colleges and universities
Colleges and universities are great options for careers that require a four-year degree. They can prepare you with in-depth knowledge and typically offer on campus housing and social activities.

3 Community colleges
Community colleges offer various 2-year degree and certificate programs. Community college is a good path to take if you're unsure about a career field, or don't feel ready for a four-year college.

4 Career training programs and technical schools
Career training and technical schools are short-term hands-on training programs where you take classes that relate to a specific career field.

5 Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center
Wilson Workforce provides two to ten month training programs to individuals with disabilities in a variety of careers. Connect with your DARS counselor to discuss options.

6 Apprenticeships
If you want to earn money while you're training, an apprenticeship might be the path for you. Apprenticeships combine on-the-job paid training with classroom instruction.

7 On-the-job-training
There are careers that don't require additional education or specific training after high school. These careers allow you to learn as you work.

8 Career goals
Your career goal is the starting point in planning for the knowledge, skills, and experiences you will need for career success.

9 Academic and career plans
Develop this plan with your school counselor. It outlines the courses and work-based learning experiences you will need to reach your career destination.

10 Start planning now
Start planning for your career, now! Use the information you have gathered on yourself to create the best plan for you.