

## Career Characteristics Important to Me

Characteristics of careers are important to explore for an individual to make a great life / career match. You may consider doing a general search on career characteristics and find interesting articles from a variety of viewpoints.

This list contains **just a few** of the important career characteristics important to consider. They are listed alphabetically in order to not place importance on any one characteristic as that priority is determined by each individual.

Address this list of career characteristics that ARE important to you, are NOT important to you or if you need to now more about it. You made add other to the bottom of the list

Career Characteristic	Important to Me	NOT Important to Me	I'm not sure but will explore it more	Why it is important or not important personally to you
Activity level - hands on, physically active, at a desk				
Adventure				
Autonomy - make your own decisions or level of decision or be directed by others				
Benefits and incentives - insurance, retirement, sign on bonus, paid time off (PTO)				
Challenge				
Communications - speaking, writing, convincing, selling, persuading, leading, etc.				
Commute - distance to travel to get to your job on a daily basis				
Creativity				
Culture - what is the work atmosphere, what culture permeates the setting, shared beliefs, attitudes				

and behaviors in the organization				
Feedback - goal driven or no set criteria for completion or evaluation				
Flexibility - in schedule, in work location, in making appointments, in hours, etc.				
Growth or advancement potential				
Income or \$\$				
Independence to work on own and make decisions				
Interactions - opportunity to interact with peers / co-workers or more isolated / individual based, interacts with animals, machines, people				
Location - indoors / outdoors, work from home, near home / in state / out of state / out of country				
Responsibility Level				
Safety - personal, physical safety				
Satisfaction - do you feel satisfied with your work?				
Security - will the career be around for years to come?				
Skill level - high level or low level of skills required				
Status - how does society view the occupation?				
Stress level				
Travel				

Variety or repetition of work related activities				