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Career Exploration Part 1: Exploring Your Interests

Do Now:

Rank these in order of importance (Most important 1, Least important 5)

- ___ Earning Potential (Money)
- ___ Passion/Interests
- ___ Opportunities for Growth & Development
- ___ Workplace Environment
- ___ Power/Prestige

Key Vocabulary

- Work -
- Job -
- Career -
- Profession-
- Occupation -
- Field -

Notes About Career Pathway vs College Major:



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Clarifying Your Interests--Self Reflection

Learning your own unique pattern of interests, motivation, satisfaction and meaning is an important first step in identifying your future goals. Fill out the questions below to help discern your own.

1. What classes or subject areas interest you? What topics do you find yourself wanting to know more about?

2. If you had to work from 8-5 every day but NOT get paid, what profession would you choose, and why?

3. If you won the lottery, what might you do (after initial celebration, helping family, travel, etc)?

4. What is the most gratifying thing you have accomplished?

5. What would you go out and do if you knew you would not fail?

6. What are your goals and dreams? Include both short-term and long-term goals.

*Adapted from Brandeis University – Career Services “Finding your passion in your major” Lesson



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7. Which careers have you considered throughout your lifetime and continue to pique your interest?