

TRANSFER SERVICES

WORKSHOP 1: CHOOSING THE RIGHT MAJOR FOR YOUR CAREER

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WHAT I WILL LEARN

Today's workshop will assist you in the following ways as you plan for your next steps:

- Learn various techniques to help you decide on a career path
- Practice reflective exercises to consider the best fit major for your career
- Learn how to research degrees and majors
- Learn how to create an academic pathway to help you transfer from CCC to your major at a 4-yr. institution.



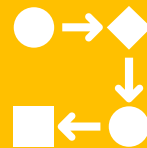
Decisions, Decisions...



Making a career choice can be a daunting task.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE



If you have yet to decide on a career and your major, follow the steps in this series to help you make a decision with confidence.

STEP 1: Begin with the End in Mind...

Reflection Exercise (this exercise works best if you take your time):

Think ahead to your first day on your dream job:

- What does the workplace look like?
- Are you working alone or with others?
- Who is in the workplace with you?
- What tasks are you responsible for completing?
- What about this place brings you the most joy?

Write down what you discovered in a journal or share with a trusted friend, family member or your College Advisor.



STEP 2: Take an Assessment Test

Focus2™ is a career assessment and planning system for college students.

It combines self assessment, career and major exploration, decision making and action planning into one comprehensive site.

Students can access Focus 2 by signing into the portal at my.ccc.edu and clicking the Focus 2 Quick Access link. Once you have completed Focus 2, share your results with your **College Advisor** and **Career Planning and Placement** staff and select an academic pathway.



STEP 3: Make Sure Your Career Choice Matches Your Strengths



- Understand what you like about your career choice and go from there. Then ask yourself:
 - Are the major courses that I will have to take for this degree of interest to me?
 - Are the major courses for this degree courses in which I have the ability to do well?

If the answer to these questions are no, it does not mean a completely new career, but consider other degree choices within the general career field (e.g. healthcare jobs can mean a physician or an administrator or a data management position)

STEP 4: Research Degrees

- Research the degrees required for your career choice
 - What degrees are employers requiring for entry level positions?
 - Use [online.onetcenter](https://online.onetcenter.org/) or the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov/) to help you research this information
 - You can also use job search sites such as [simplyhired](https://www.simplyhired.com/) or [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com/) to look up current job opportunities and determine what degrees employers require.
 - What degrees are required for you to advance within your career?





STEP 4: Research Majors

- Take a look at the types of careers that majors in your field can provide to you. You will be surprised at the variety and options available within many majors.

The [College Board](#) is a perfect site to help you with this research



STEP 5: Create an Academic Pathway

- Create an account on [Transferology™](#) to help you determine the courses you need for your major at your chosen institutions.
- Set up a time to meet with your College Advisor to develop an education plan to complete your associates prior to transferring

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NEXT IN THE
SERIES

The next workshop in the series will discuss researching and selecting your top 5 colleges/universities in which to transfer.