

# Pathways to Success— Exploring Your Career Options

Making an informed and well-researched career choice is one of life's most important decisions. It is a personal decision and requires significant effort, commitment and motivation. Macomb Community College counselors offer a structured three-step process to better prepare you to make a well-informed career choice.

This process requires that you take the responsibility for making your choice, and the counselor provides an appropriate level of assistance and encouragement.

## STEP 1 *Discover.*

### **Discover Your Options for Career Exploration**

Make a one-hour appointment with a Career Counselor by calling 586.445.7999 (*choose the "Counseling and Advising" option*). At your first appointment, your Career Counselor will explain the career exploration process and introduce tools and resources to assist on your Pathway to Success.

Your counselor will also discuss options for career assessment, a tool used to help you learn more about yourself in the areas of personality, interests, skills and values. You may then be referred to Career Services to complete an assessment.

## STEP 2 *Connect.*

### **Connect Your Assessment Results to Career Pathways/Majors**

Schedule a follow-up appointment with your counselor by calling 586.445.7999 (*choose the "Counseling and Advising" option*). Be sure to bring your assessment results or login information to this appointment, as well as a list of possible careers/majors that you have identified for further research and discussion.

Your counselor will help you to draw connections between your assessment results and potential career pathways/majors.

You may then visit Career Services for further research and information, including career profiles, salaries, employment outlook, informational interview preparation and more.

## STEP 3 *Advance.*

### **Advance Your Pathway to Success**

Once an area of interest is identified, your Career Counselor can provide further information to assist you on your career pathway/major:

- Identify courses that are beneficial for your career pathway/major
- Assist you in the development of an academic plan
- Discuss internship, apprenticeship or co-op opportunities

# Exploring Your Pathways to Success

Your career choice is among the most important decisions you will make. Your career will affect your:

- Earning potential
- Lifestyle
- Quality of life
- Self-esteem

Choosing a career is a process. Learning the steps of this process, and the tools that can support you, will allow you to make an informed career decision with confidence.

Taking the necessary steps and allowing sufficient time to work through these steps are crucial to making a satisfying decision.

Your Macomb counselor can guide you through this process by introducing a variety of tools to assist you along the way.

Make an appointment with one of Macomb's licensed professional counselors. Let us help you explore your career options.

## Counseling & Academic Advising Services

South Campus G370

Center Campus H103

Phone: 586.445.7999

(Choose the "Counseling and Academic Advising" option)

Email: [answer@macomb.edu](mailto:answer@macomb.edu)

## Career Services

South Campus G309

Center Campus H109

Phone: 586.445.7321

Email: [careerservices@macomb.edu](mailto:careerservices@macomb.edu)

## Discover.

### Learning About Myself

Interests • Values  
Skills • Strengths

## Connect.

### Exploring My Area of Interest & Narrowing My Choices

College Programs/Majors  
Career Profiles • Salaries  
Employment Outlook  
Education/Training (Time & Costs)  
Evaluating Pros/Cons

## Advance.

### Making a Decision & Developing a Plan

Evaluate Possibilities  
Choose Among Alternatives  
Goal Setting • Action Planning

Your  
Future  
Career



**Macomb**  
Community College

Education • Enrichment • Economic Development

**Discover. Connect. Advance.**<sup>SM</sup>