Chapter 5: Developing an Individual Career Plan Essential Question: How can I reach my career goal?



Section 1: Evaluating Career Choices

- Objectives:
 - > Evaluate different career possibilities
 - > Choose a career that seems right for you



... OF POSSIBILITIES

-ALEX WEKELL-

Evaluate Your Choices

Start to refine your list of options

- Compare and contrast with personal data
- Rank your possibilities
- Factors
 - If I take this course of action, what will happen?
 - Visualize the outcome
 - Values
 - If I make this choice, will I be living according to my beliefs? Will I be doing something I find meaningful?

Develop a personal Career Profile > Figure 5.1 (page 60)

- > 1st column-information about yourself
- > 2nd column-information about the career
- > 3rd column-1-10 rating scale



What to use?

- Values
 - How well does this career match my values?
- Interests and Responsibilities
 - How well do the day-today job responsibilities reflect my interests?
- Personality
 - How happy will I be with the work environment and hours?

- Data-People-Things
 - How well do the datapeople-things requirements of this career match my own preferences?
- Skills and Aptitudes
 - How well do my skills and aptitudes match those required for this career?
- Education/Training
 - How willing am I to get the education and training needed for this career?

Make your decision

Which career will you pursue?

- Have confidence in your research, evaluations, and goals.
- Your career choice is flexible and may change as your life develops
- > This gives you a place to start.





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Section 5.2 Your Career Plan

Objectives

- Develop a career plan and set intermediate career goals
- Determine the education and training you need to reach your career goals



Plan How to Reach your Goal

Individual career plan

- > Planning a course of action
- Having a plan does not guarantee success, but it greatly improves your chances.



Steps Along the way

Plan some intermediate goals

- Steps you will take to get from where you are now to where you want to be
- Break your career goal into manageable steps
- Makes it not so overwhelming
- Helps you focus
- Gives confidence

Goals

Short-term

- Goals you can start on now and accomplish quickly
- Medium-term
 - > Goals that will take 1 to 5 years to reach
- Long-term
 - > Further in the future
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The more specific your intermediate goals are, the more likely you are to achieve them



Realistic

- You must think about who you are and what you know about your career choice
- It is difficult to reach a goal if you are not honest about your skills, interests, and personality traits.



Education and Training

- One of your first goals should be to receive the education and training you need to achieve your ultimate career goal.
- Taking related courses will give you an advantage over other job candidates and give the knowledge you need to succeed

Online learning

Computer based training
Gaining popularity
People are attracted by the convenience and flexibility of online classes



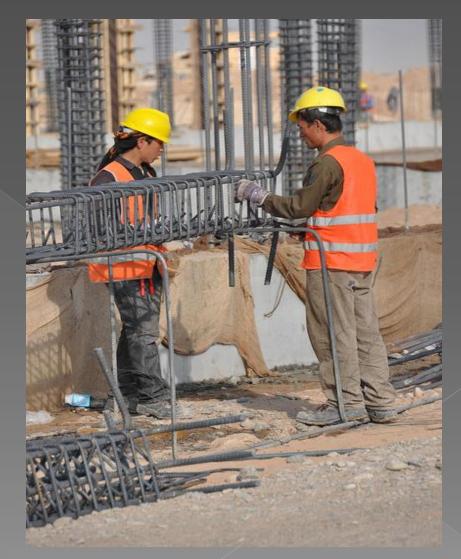
On-the-Job Training

May be a few days of orientation
More formal long-term instruction
Training on safety measures



Apprenticeships

- Learning how to do a job through hands on experience under the guidance of a skilled worker
- Common in construction and manufacturing



Vocational-Technical Centers

A variety of skills-oriented programs
Some have evening classes
<u>SICTC</u>

Commit Yourself

Make your own individual career plan
It will encourage you to move forward until you find the right career.





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Chapter 5 Assessment

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