CAREER PLANNING

Will you be able to find a job after you graduate? Not all occupations are equal when it comes to numbers of job openings. Employment trends and changes in the economic climate affect whether you will actually be able to find a job in your field after you leave college. It’s a good idea to do some research at the sites below to find out which jobs are expected to be in demand.

Will your occupation be a good fit? Almost every field has jobs for people with different personality types and aptitudes. Finding exactly the right match for you can be a matter of trial and error, but you can get some clues by taking some of the good personality and characteristics inventories you’ll find online.

Where will you work? If you’re willing to be flexible about where you will live, you’ll find lots more opportunities. Wherever your options for relocating, you’ll need to compare the cost of living among the places you’re considering. Living costs can vary widely from place to place! So can salaries.

How will you prepare for your career? Almost every career has basic training and education requirements, so you need to make sure you understand how to make yourself job-ready and whether the cost of education and training will be borne by you or your employer.

How much can I expect to make? Before you invest in education or training, you should make sure that you can get a job that makes that investment worthwhile. Check out the average annual salaries earned by the professionals in your major before you commit. Also, do some serious thinking about whether that salary will support the lifestyle you expect.

Check out these sites for helpful information:

http://stats.bls.gov/
http://www.acinet.org/
http://www.onetcenter.org/
http://www.datamasters.com/
http://www.homemakers.com/?cc=1
http://veteran.miningco.com/
http://www.salary.com