

<i>Student Asks.....</i>	<i>Response.....</i>	<i>Career & Choice of Major Online:</i>
<p>I am undecided about my major, what online resources are available to help me decide?</p>	<p>Columbia State offers over 70 programs of study. Let's view the Program Fliers of available programs offered by Columbia State. Each program flier details a program description, required coursework, a sample schedule by semester, labor market information, and academic division contact information.</p> <p>If Columbia State doesn't offer a preferred program, then there are additional programs of study offered by various higher education institutions.</p>	<p>Columbia State Community College Program Fliers http://www.columbiastate.edu/catalog-student-handbook</p> <p>US Department of Education 16 Career Clusters National Framework Summary Descriptions http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/career-clusters/career-cluster-summary</p> <p>Tennessee Board of Regents Community Colleges webpage offers online access to the more than 480 programs offered at 65 campus locations of the 13 Tennessee community colleges http://communitycolleges.tbr.edu/programs-careers/choosing-a-career/ http://communitycolleges.tbr.edu/programs-careers/search/</p> <p>Big Future by The College Board provides a full list of Majors & Career Categories in a variety of fields, along with a College search of over 1600 colleges and universities. https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-to-find-your-college-fit/college-search-step-by-step</p> <p>The MyMajors online tool provides a list of over 1800 college major profiles including descriptions, courses, careers, salary, related majors and colleges offering major. http://www.mymajors.com/college-majors/</p>
<p>I have done my preliminary online research using the Columbia State Career & Choice of Major Resources webpage but I still cannot decide on a major or career pathway. How can I decide?</p>	<p>Columbia State Career & Choice of Major Online Resources webpage offers free 24/7 access to online career development and choice-of-major resources.</p> <p>After first viewing the online resources, narrow down your choices to no more than 2 or 3 options. Then schedule an appointment to meet with your assigned academic advisor or academic division office to discuss your options. Also consider scheduling an appointment with the Program Director(s) for programs that interest you most. Contact information is located on the Columbia State website and/or on Program Fliers.</p>	<p>Columbia State Online Career & Choice of Major webpage offers Tips To Finding the Right Major for You! Go to the following links:</p> <p>http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/what-can-i-do-with-a-career-in-</p> <p>http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/undecided-about-a-major-</p> <p>http://www.myplan.com/index.php</p>
<p>Is there any such career test I can take to help me choose a major or career pathway?</p> <p><i>Special note: Many career assessments do not measure academic aptitude or other factors which may influence the outcomes of success.</i></p>	<p>No. Personality and career assessments will not tell you what you could or should do. This is such a misconception of many who desire to take a career assessment that a 'test' will tell them what to do with their lives which is furthest from the truth. Assessments will, however, help you sort out thoughts and ideas about majors, career paths and occupations based on personal attributes.</p> <p>Career and personality assessment tools are only designed to help individuals understand how a variety of personal attributes (ie interests, values, preferences, motivations, aptitudes and skills) impact your potential success and satisfaction with different career options and work environments.</p>	<p>The Columbia State Career Counseling Services webpage offers Free Online Career & Personality Assessments http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/personality-and-career-assessments</p> <p>The Tennessee Board of Regents TN Community Colleges webpage offers free online career assessment tools from the State of TN including Assess Your Job Skills and Personal Skills; Career Exploration and Jobs4TN.gov http://communitycolleges.tbr.edu/programs-careers/choosing-a-career/</p> <p>College For TN offers online career and college planning profiles and surveys based on interests, career clusters, basic skills, transferable skills checklist, work values sorter, and the career key interest area discovery https://www.collegefortn.org/Career_Planning/Learn_About_Yourself/Learn_About_Yourself.aspx</p>

<h2>What Can I Do With This Major?</h2>	<p>There are numerous pathways in any particular major or career. Free online resources are available about majors and careers on the Online Career & Choice of Major webpage. www.columbiastate.edu/career-services</p>	<p>Columbia State Community College Career & Choice-of-Major Online Resource webpage offers research tools regarding majors and careers: http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/what-can-i-do-with-a-career-in-</p> <p>US Bureau of Labor Statistics A-Z Index of Occupation Groups go to: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/</p> <p>US Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration American Job Center Network O*NET Online Occupation Search go to: http://www.onetonline.org/</p>
<h2>What are Career Clusters?</h2> <p><u>The 16 Career Cluster categories:</u></p> <p><i>Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources</i></p> <p><i>Architecture & Construction</i></p> <p><i>Arts, A/V Technology & Communications</i></p> <p><i>Business Management & Administration</i></p> <p><i>Education & Training</i></p> <p><i>Finance</i></p> <p><i>Government & Public Administration</i></p> <p><i>Health Science</i></p> <p><i>Hospitality & Tourism</i></p> <p><i>Human Services</i></p> <p><i>Information Technology</i></p> <p><i>Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security</i></p> <p><i>Manufacturing</i></p> <p><i>Marketing</i></p> <p><i>Science, Technology, Engineering & Math</i></p> <p><i>Transportation, Distribution & Logistics</i></p>	<p>The U.S. Department of Education's National Career Clusters framework organizes 16 broad categories that encompass virtually all occupations from entry through professional levels. Career Clusters identify the knowledge and skills needed to follow a pathway toward career goals and provide a context for exploring the many occupational options available. Note that each Cluster is divided into different pathways that are grouped by the knowledge and skills required for occupations in these career fields.</p> <p>These career clusters resources provide information to explore the many career occupations available to you in the global workforce. Each career cluster category encompasses virtually all occupations from entry-level through professional-level.</p> <p>Career & Choice of Major Online Resources webpage provides online resources and materials based on the United States Department of Education National Career Clusters Framework, which has 16 broad categories to identify the knowledge and skills YOU need to know in order to COMPETE IN THE WORKFORCE and COMPLETE YOUR CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS.</p>	<p>Information about the National Career Clusters Framework can be found on the Columbia State Career Counseling Services Office webpage. http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/career-clusters</p> <p>Career Cluster Videos- The US Department of Labor American Job Center Network has online Career Cluster Videos for nearly 550 careers, organized by the 16 career clusters recognized by the US Department of Education.</p> <p>http://www.careeronestop.org/videos/careerandclustervideos/career-and-cluster-videos.aspx</p> <p>Tennessee Department of Education Career Cluster Information http://tn.gov/education/topic/career-clusters</p> <p>Career Cluster Information Summary & Sample Occupation Pathways http://careercoachondemand.com/uploads/The_16_Career_Clusters.pdf</p> <p>http://careervision.org/career-clusters-2/</p>