

Career Center Quick Start Guide

Welcome to the El Camino College Career Center, your hub for career exploration and job search guidance. Below are the main sections of our website, organized to serve your multiple career needs and interests. This document is meant to serve as a quick start guide on what you may want to explore. We recommend that you make an appointment with a career counselor for specialized guidance on which resources would be most helpful in addressing your career needs.

Start Here! Discover your Path

If you are feeling completely lost on where to begin, we recommend you check out this page

- Review prompting questions to define “career” for yourself. By defining a career, you can develop a future vision of who you want to be, the lifestyle you want to have, the problems you want to solve, etc.
- Download career-related worksheets to assist you on your career journey via the OC Career Cafe and California Career Resource Network
- Meet with a career counselor during our drop-in hours or request to make an appointment discuss these questions via the link on the left side of the page “*Make a Career Appointment/Chat with a Career Counselor*”

Knowing Yourself and Career Assessments

If you want to understand yourself, we recommend you check out this page

- Define your interests, skills, values, personality, and purpose. The more you develop and define these aspect of yourself, the more you can define a focused direction for your career journey
- Take career assessments to define these aspect through websites like Career Coach, Career Cruising, Eureka, and California Career Zone
- Follow up with occupational research of different careers via the websites listed above
- HIGHLY recommended that you follow up with a career counselor after taking an assessment to interpret results

Explore and Clarifying your Career Pathway

If you want to explore majors and careers, we recommend you check out this page

- Download** the Decision-Making worksheet from the OC Career Cafe to organize your exploration of majors and careers and make a well-informed decision about your major or career goal
- Explore** the "What can you do with this major?" resource to...review what you can do with your interested major
- Utilize RoadTrip Nation to discover what careers, majors, and leaders you share interests and passions with
- Use O*NET and the Occupational Outlook Handbook to further explore occupations
- Meet with a career counselor to further discuss which resources would be most helpful for your career questions
- Discuss career interests with a faculty advisor to plan relevant coursework.

Enter Your Career

If you want to grow and gain experience in your major, we recommend you check out this page

- Strengthen personal development by volunteering for community service.
- Volunteer for for a cause you are passionate about and find opportunities through VolunteerMatch and Just Serve
- Explore the value of networking and utilization of LinkedIn as a networking tool to expand possibilities
- Create or update your resume with your knowledge and skills for relevant positions
- Prepare and practice your interviewing skills
- Learn about job search and internship opportunities and resources here