

## How Do I Decide What Kind of Work I Want?

### **Step 1**

Take an interest inventory. If you already know what career you want, you can skip this step.

- [Career One Stop Get My Future](#) - Click on Explore Careers.
- [JOBS.MO.GOV](#) – Click on Plan your Career.
- [Missouri Connections](#) – Sign in, click on Assessments.
- [Holland Code Career Inventory](#)
- [Career Navigator and Quizzes](#)
- [Military Skills Translator](#) and [Civilian Occupation Translator](#) - Match military experience to civilian jobs.

### **Step 2**

Explore career options. Research occupations that interest you to find out about the type of work, experience needed, training required, and median pay.

- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) - from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lists median pay, entry-level education, on-the-job training, and projected growth rate by occupation.
- [MERIC](#) – from Missouri Department of Economic Development. Information on Missouri's high demand jobs and local salary ranges.
- [JOBS.MO.GOV](#) – Click on Training and Education.
- [Missouri Connections](#) – sign in, click on Occupations and Education.
- [University of Missouri Career Center](#) – Labor Market and salary ranges for different majors.

### **Step 3**

If you think you already have the skills you need for your chosen career:

- Get [National Career Readiness Certificate](#) at a [Missouri Job Center](#).
- Continue to: What if I need a Job right now?

If you need to enter a training program or college, continue to: [How to find the right Training Program or College for the Job I Want.](#)

### **Optional: Volunteer now and choose a career later:**

Not sure what you want to do with your life? Check out [AmeriCorps](#) and see how you can earn a stipend and living expenses while you spend a couple of years working in the United States, helping people or areas in need. Or check out [VolunteerMatch](#) to find an opportunity -- sometimes volunteering leads to employment.