



Graduation Transitions 12

Collecting Evidence of Career and School Research

Don't know where to start? Use this handout to give you ideas about where to find information about careers and schools.

You are expected to develop a comprehensive plan that indicates that you are prepared to successfully transition from secondary school. Part of that plan includes showing evidence of career and school research which can include skills and interest inventories, strengths checklists, personality tests, school and career pamphlets, participation in job and school fairs, workshops, job shadows, research from career and school websites, etc. Use the information below to help start your search into these areas.

Self-assessment

Discovering which career is best for you can be a confusing and daunting task. Using self-assessment tests can help you discover career possibilities that you may be suited for based on your goals, personality, skills, strengths and interests. Use these websites as a place to start your self assessment, and/or see your school counsellor for more information.

- www.careercruising.com
- www.workinfonet.bc.ca
- www.jobfutures.bc.ca
- www.destination2020.org

Research

You probably still have a lot of the school and career research you did in Planning 10. Use that information as a starting point for further exploration. If you want to start over or have changed your mind about the schools and jobs you are interested in, you can use the following websites to get more information.

CareerCruising

www.careercruising.com

Career Cruising is an interactive website designed to help people find the right career, explore different career options, and plan future education and training. It includes interest (Career Matchmaker) and skills assessments, multimedia interviews, detailed

occupational profiles and detailed school profiles and links.

www.educationplanner.bc.ca

Education Planner offers a one stop-shop approach to finding clear and reliable information about post-secondary programs available in BC. You can search for programs by field of study, subject area, program length, credential granted or institution. Information about individual programs, admission requirements, tuition fees, start dates, and application deadlines can be found in this one place.

Work Futures

British Columbia
Occupational Outlooks

www.workfutures.bc.ca

Work Futures is a comprehensive website that gives detailed occupation profiles, including each occupational group's main duties, education and training, working conditions, employment prospects, related occupations, and related links.

School and Job Fairs

If you have the opportunity, attend any school and job fairs in your area. Many colleges and universities offer prospective student tours and information sessions about their school and their specific programs. You can also gather information from the university/college visits that all Grade 12s participate in, which is a type of school fair. In addition, job fairs are continually advertised in many communities. You may be able to attend one.

Workshops

Attend workshops whenever you get a chance. Brooks will be offering school based workshops on transition planning, so watch for those opportunities.

Job Shadows

See Mr. Palm for work experience and job shadowing opportunities in our community.