

Computer Lab College/Career Information Search

OBJECTIVES:

- Develop questions to help guide information gathering from electronic sources
- Employ a systematic approach to recording information
- Identify and record main ideas, facts and data to answer questions
- Compose effective informative texts
- Describe key features of major careers and possible college choices
- Collect college application materials/college essay questions

DIRECTIONS:

1. Go the following website:
<http://www.cacareerzone.org/graphic/index.html;jsessionid=B0A2048818A7A50C026D758D45637F2E>
2. Click on **Get a Reality Check**, the non-flash version.
Work through the screens by selecting how you plan to live your life. FOR THE CITY, select Los Angeles.

What did you learn about your expenses? _____

What did you learn about the career(s) needed to meet your expenses? _____

3. After finishing Get a Reality Check, go to **Explore Industry Sectors**.
4. Get at least 2 sheets of paper
At the top of each paper, record the name of ONE career interest and include the following information.

TAKE NOTES on 2 possible careers, one on each page.

CAREER TITLE: _____	
Definition	
Interests	
Tasks	REMEMBER: You take notes on your notebook paper, but include this information!
Skills	
Knowledge	
Education	
School Classes	

Wages	
Outlooks	
Similar Jobs	
Job Openings	
SOURCE of information	http://www.cacareerzone.org/

- Then go to <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>, the Occupational Outlook Handbook to explore specific careers.
- Get two more sheets of paper.

At the top of each paper, record the name of ONE career interest and include the following information, NEATLY. YOU may continue on the back of the card. TAKE NOTES on 2 possible careers.

CAREER TITLE: _____	
Nature of work Work environment	
Training/Education	REMEMBER: You take notes on your notebook paper, but include this information!
Job Outlook	
Wages/Earning	
Related Occupations	
SOURCE of this information	Occupational Outlook Handbook

- Go to <http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp> to find information about college. Use the same note-taking process as above. Record the college name, location and important information such as: cost, programs, campus life, location, size, sports, etc.
- If you want, try this site: <http://www.uscollegesearch.org/>. Search by major or degree program.

9. Final reflection:

On the last sheet, explain which ONE or TWO of the following sites provides the most useful and relevant information that could help someone struggling with making decisions about the future.

SITES: *Get a Reality Check, Explore Industry Sectors, Occupational Outlook Handbook and Collegeboard.com*