

How Do I Get There?

First Step Standards: Domain 3.1.A-B

Introduction

Choosing a career can be a daunting task for anyone. The good news is that you don't have to know exactly what you will do or be after high school. However, it is important to start the exploration process so you are familiar with all of their options, and the steps that must be taken to get there. Starting this process now will give you an idea of the high school courses to take in the coming years, to kickstart your career-planning process.

Job: A temporary step you take to build your career; provides a paycheck and experience.

Career: A lifelong journey that builds on your skills, knowledge, and experience.

Occupation: A broad term that encompasses the employment sector or category of jobs in which you work.

***These terms build on each other, and each serves a unique purpose when you consider your long-term plan and goals.*

***Definitions sourced from: Career Trend*

Do Now

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

- 1) How would you define “career goals”?
- 2) What career goals do you have for yourself/your future?
- 3) How do these goals relate to your interests?

Future Planning

How do I turn an interest into a plan?

Research institutions offering the degree/certificate you will pursue to obtain your desired career.

- Access website(s): [Looking at Schools](#), [Idaho Colleges](#)
 - *You may decide on any three colleges (at least one needs to be based in Idaho)*
- Use varying information to conduct your search
- Locate three colleges that offer your degree/certificate
- Fill in the fields below with the information you found

Degree/Certificate you are researching:

Name of College 1:

TWO things that this college has to offer -OR- facts about your desired degree:

Tuition and Fees:

Availability/Format of Classes:

Name of College 2:

TWO things that this college has to offer -OR- facts about your desired degree:

Tuition and Fees:

Availability/Format of Classes:

Name of College 3:

TWO things that this college has to offer -OR- facts about your desired degree:

Tuition and Fees:

Availability/Format of Classes:

Research helpful high school courses and experiences.

- Visit the Next Steps Idaho website: [Browse Careers – Next Steps Idaho](#)
- Navigate to a Career Card that you described or selected (above)
- Click on the “Education & Training” tab
 - The right side of the screen will display a list of **possible** high school classes for your degree
 - It also has Idaho Colleges that offer that degree
- Record the information in the fields (below), along with the electives that are listed for your career
- Click on the “Workforce Information” tab
 - Scroll down to “Work Activities” and record the information for your career

Elective 1

Course Description

Activities

Elective 2

Course Description

Activities

Elective 3

Course Description

Activities

Short Reflection

After researching, does this career align with your long-term goals and plans? Provide an explanation for your answer.

What Else?

For further exploration, complete this activity: [What's My Next Move?](#)

Mark As Complete

No