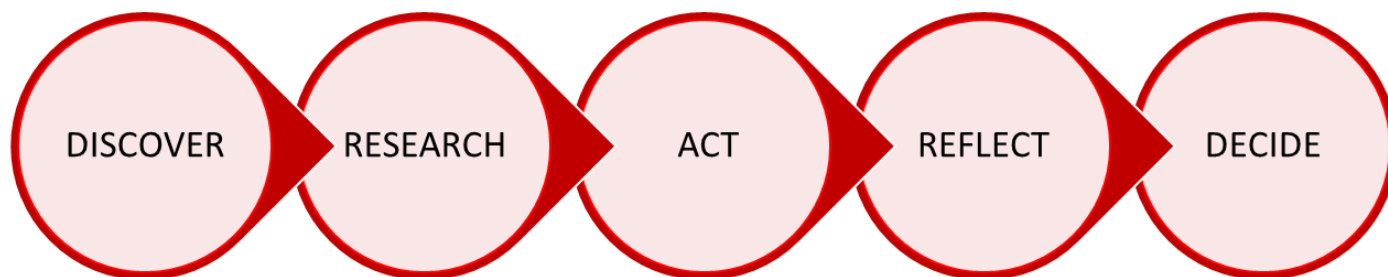


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Make A Career Choice

Making a career choice can be difficult since there are so many options available.

Here are 5 steps you can take to narrow down those options and make an informed career choice



Step 1: SELF-DISCOVERY



Learning more about yourself is the first and most important step in deciding on a career. Some areas to explore include: **Your Skills, Interests, Values, Personality and Workplace Preferences**

⇒ Take the **MyCareerPlan Assessment** found on the MCCC student portal to learn more about yourself in these areas and begin to explore careers associated with your results. (Navigate to Support & Tutoring/Support/MyCareerPlan). Printed directions are available in the Student Success Center.

Step 2: RESEARCH



Create a list of careers based on the results of your assessment and begin to explore them in detail. As you learn more about each career option consider the following:

- What type of work does this career perform (e.g., construction, data analysis, etc.)?
- How does this work impact other people and society?
- What is the demand or job outlook for this career?

⇒ Visit Career One Stop at: **<https://www.careeronestop.org>** to get answers to these questions and to perform further research on different career options.

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Step 3: TAKE ACTION



Narrow down your career options to your **top 3 choices** and begin to take action to gain deeper insight and experience into the career. Some activities include:

- **Informational Interviewing** - Find a local organization that employs professionals in the field of your career interest and schedule an informational interview with one of their employees.
- **Job Shadow** - Identify an individual currently working in your career field and ask to shadow them for a day to better understand the daily responsibilities of their role.
- **Volunteer** - Search for opportunities to volunteer your time with an organization that employs professionals in your interested career field.
- **Internship** - Explore internship opportunities during the summer months to get longer-term experience working alongside professionals in your interested career field.

⇒ Create an account on MontCo's student job board College Central Network (CCN) - <http://collegecentralnetwork.com/mc3> to find explore these opportunities and to help you take action.

Step 4: REFLECT



Take time to reflect on your experiences through the actions taken in 'Step 3—Take Action'. Consider the following:

- What did you learn about your career?
- What aspects did you enjoy most? What aspects did you enjoy least?

⇒ Make an appointment with a Career Coach through **MyMC3** or by calling the **Student Success Center at 215-641-6577** to discuss answers to these questions.

Step 5: DECIDE



Choose a career then meet with your academic advisor to select the best degree option based on your career choice and to register for your courses.