

## Career Interest Overview

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<b>Introduction</b>	<p>Marcus dreams of becoming an airline pilot. He owns dozens of books about aeronautics and he subscribes to several aviation sites. Marcus even has a flight training test prep app on his iPhone.</p> <p>Emeka has an affinity for numbers and in his spare time he competes in online math challenges; also, he enjoys tutoring middle school kids in math at the local community center. Emeka recently received a scholarship which he will use to major in math but he's not sure if he wants to teach or do research.</p> <p>Shante loves graphic design, website design, and photography. In high school Shante wrote stories for the school newspaper, and served on several fund raising advisory committees. Having enjoyed all of these activities, Shante is torn between pursuing a career in photo journalism and becoming a social media marketing professional.</p> <p>How do you decide what to do for the rest of your life when you've just begun to live your life? What if you've already worked for many years? What happens if you make the wrong decision? How do you choose the right career? How do you define "the right career"?</p>
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<b>Things to Remember</b>	<p>It's important to understand that you don't have to decide what you'll do for the rest of your life <i>right now</i>. You have time to explore your options, take a variety of classes, and work with career counselors to identify areas of interest to evaluate. You may even be able to pursue internships to obtain hands-on experience in career fields you're thinking about entering. If you already have work experience, a counselor can help you think about what you'd like to do next.</p> <p>As you gather data about your areas of interest you'll identify certain themes that will help you select occupations for which your skills, abilities, and strengths would be a good fit.</p>
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<b>Career Assessments</b>	<p>Career assessments provide an effective means of identifying potential occupations by highlighting career areas of interest, preferred core job tasks, and academic areas of interest.</p> <p>Your career development counselors have access to a number of comprehensive assessments and they are available to work with you one-on-one to help you navigate the career planning process. Additionally, your academic advisors are an invaluable resource to help you select the appropriate classes and majors to prepare for the occupations in which you are interested. Be sure to use both of these services frequently during the year.</p> <p>In the meantime, use the activity link provided in the FYE Career Exploration site to identify some areas of career interest. Using the Career Exploration worksheet will help you to analyze your results. You'll also find it helpful to make an appointment with a career development counselor to discuss your findings.</p>
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