

Career Readiness Tools and Resources

Career Exploration: <https://www.nmcareersolutions.com/vosnet/Default.aspx>

The process of identifying careers you're interested in is called career exploration. Take time to evaluate who you are and what you want so you can get started on the right path.

The Career Solutions site will help students:

- Asses personal interests and values -
 - Knowing personal work interests and values will help individuals decide what kinds of jobs and careers they might want to explore.
- Learn more about their field of interest -
 - How much does each role pay on average IN NEW MEXICO?
 - How many jobs in that field are currently available IN NEW MEXICO?
 - How many jobs in that field are projected to become available IN NEW MEXICO?
 - What programs are available in New Mexico to start my career pathway?
- Compare occupation interests -
 - Compare occupations side by side, review information on wages, education, and job tasks.
- Much more!

Why I Work: <https://www.dws.state.nm.us/WhyIWork/>

Why I Work is a financial tool that shows you how much money you need to make to afford the things you want and need.

Here's how it works:

- Click through the screens to identify what you spend each month on different items.
- After you're finished, you will see how much you need to earn to cover our expenses.
- Use Career Solutions to explore occupations that have annual wages similar to what you need.

DWS Apprenticeships: <https://www.dws.state.nm.us/en-us/Job-Seekers/Explore-Career-Options/Apprenticeship>

Apprenticeship programs combine paid on-the-job training with related classroom instruction. The Apprenticeship page allows students to explore “earn and learn” career pathways.

Students can see:

- List of current New Mexico apprenticeship programs
- Overview of each program
- Average pay for each career IN NEW MEXICO
- Requirements for each career
- Direct contacts for each program