

Career Pathfinder

After you know what your research questions are, your first step is to hit the card catalog!

Try using the search words below to get you started.



Possible Search Key Words for *Career*

Careers
Employment
Occupations
Vocational guidance
Vocational interests
Professions

**Also, search under the title of your career. Be sure to try synonyms for that title!

✓ e.g., chef, cook, food service

Dewey number for general career information is **331**.
(Be sure to check the Reference collection, too!)

Databases

Have a public library card?

Using your card number, you can access several databases about careers!

Sacramento Public Library: <http://www.saclibrary.org/>

- Facts on File Database: Ferguson's Career Guidance Center
- Gale Database: Vocations, Careers & Technical Education

Roseville Public Library: <http://www.roseville.ca.us/library/>

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Websites

California Career Resource Network (CalCRN): <http://www.californiacareers.info/index.html>

A site dedicated to distributing career information to Californians. Includes self-assessments, links to career information, and help creating a budget. Check out the "California Career Zone" and "The Reality Check" links at the bottom of the page.

Career Onestop: <http://www.careeronestop.org/>

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, this site offers a wealth of information about careers, including a page dedicated to students.

Career Voyages: <http://www.careervoyages.gov/>

Check out the student page with information about getting started, careers in high demand, job qualifications, and how to pay for the education and training you'll need.

CSU Sacramento Career Center: <http://www.csus.edu/careercenter/students/library.stm#cch>

One of the premiere career centers in our area! Take a peek at the “Handouts” section, including valuable information about Holland Codes, college majors, and basic job search strategies.

Exploring Career Information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/k12/>

Written by the agency in charge of labor economics and statistics for the Federal Government, this site allows you to search careers using broad categories or by job title in an A-Z list. For each career, it generally describes the job, the preparation you need, pay, outlook, and links for more information.

Minnesota iSeek: <http://www.iseek.org/sv/index.jsp>

In addition to state-specific information, this site offers general career planning and self-assessment tools. Click the “Explore Careers” option.

New York CareerZone: <http://www.nycareerzone.org/>

Information and short video introductions to a wide variety of careers using the Holland Codes.

Occupational Information Network (O*Net): <http://online.onetcenter.org/>

Developed by the U.S. Department of Labor, this site lists thousands of job titles and includes tasks, tools & technology, knowledge, skills, abilities, work activities, work context, job zone, interests, work styles, work values, related occupations, and wages & employment. Go to the “O*Net Descriptor” and select “Interests” to search careers using Holland Codes—the codes you might’ve gotten from the career assessment on CalCRN.

Salary.com: <http://www.salary.com/>

Calculates salary, bonuses, and benefits based on ZIP code, providing a more accurate idea about what you might realistically earn.

Texas OSCAR: <http://www.ioscar.org/tx/>

Includes career assessment tools and general career information.