

Career Planning

Through Utilizing Choices360



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What Is Choices360 & Why Is It Useful?

- o Personalized career planning that includes learning about yourself through taking validated assessments & exploring careers
- o Start with Learning About Yourself through exploring how who you are matches with careers:
 - o Interest Profiler
 - o Work Values Sorter
 - o Basic Skills Survey
 - o Transferable Skills Checklist
 - o Career Cluster Survey
 - o The Career Key
 - o Ability Profiler



Getting Started...

o 1: Register & Create Your Account

o <http://www.choices360.com>

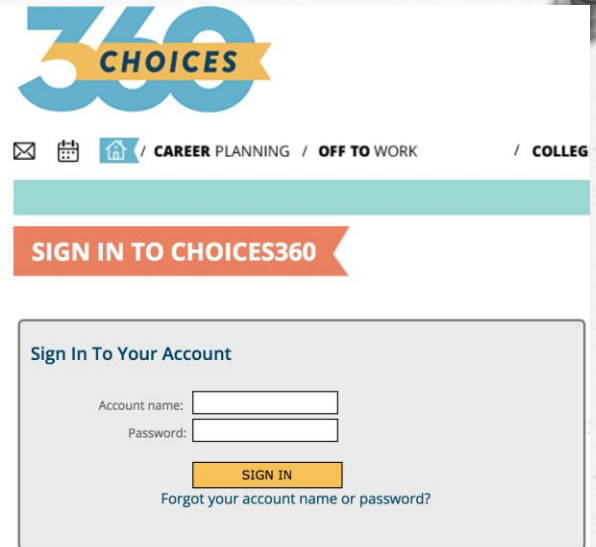
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o Creating an account allows you to save and review assessment results to build a strong career plan over time

o 2: Start with the Interest Profiler

o Matches interest with careers

o Allows you to explore personality types & career data (job duties, average salary, required experience & education, similar careers, etc.)



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the CHOICES360 website. The logo "CHOICES360" is at the top left. To the right are icons for email, calendar, and home, followed by the text "CAREER PLANNING / OFF TO WORK / COLLEG". Below the navigation bar is a teal horizontal line, and then an orange banner that says "SIGN IN TO CHOICES360". The main content area is a light gray box titled "Sign In To Your Account". It contains two input fields: "Account name:" and "Password:". Below these fields is a yellow "SIGN IN" button. At the bottom of the box, there is a link that says "Forgot your account name or password?".

Viewing Your Results

o Matching Careers

- o Search by Best Match or Education Level
- o After picking the specific career, explore through menu on left-hand side:

- o What They Do
- o Is This For You?
- o Skills You Need
- o What To Learn
- o Money & Outlook
- o Connections

o Have a different career in mind?

- o Search for the career & see how it compares to your interests
- o Save careers of interest to YOUR PORTFOLIO



Now What?



- o When finding career(s) of interest, pay attention to the skills required....
 - o How can these specific skills start being developed at your internship?
- o Also keep in mind transferable skills that employers look for across the board:
 - o Leadership
 - o Communication (oral & written)
 - o Critical-Thinking & Problem-Solving
 - o Teamwork/Collaboration
 - o Professionalism/Work Ethic



Further Exploration

- o Search advanced careers of interest through job hunting resources (Indeed, LinkedIn, Company websites, etc.)
- o Narrowing down field/job type & potential future location
- o **Purpose:** looking at various advanced positions in field of interest provides a glimpse at relevant qualifications required which provides insight on experiences to be acquired in the meantime



Importance of Career Management

- o What it is:
 - o Identify & articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge and experiences relevant to the position desired, career goals and identifying areas necessary for professional growth
- o Putting in the time to learn about your professional self leads to more informed decision-making
- o Additionally it can:
 - o save you a lot of time & \$\$\$\$\$
 - o stress minimization
 - o increased happiness/motivation
 - o better work-life balance
- o You owe it to yourself!!!



Fields Health Science Students Have Pursued Following Graduation:

- o Pharmaceutical or Medical Equipment Sales Representative
- o Recruiter for various healthcare companies
- o Events Coordinator in an Assisted Living Facility
- o Assistant Director in an Assisted Living Facility
- o Marketing for a hospital, clinic, nonprofit organization, etc.
- o Volunteer Coordinator for a hospital, nonprofit organization, etc.
- o Various graduate programs in areas such as MBA, MPH, Counseling, MPA, etc.

Questions?

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Services Offered:

- o Resume & Cover Letter Reviews
- o Mock Interviewing
- o Career Exploration-Career Assessments
- o Job Postings
- o Career Fairs-*Tuesday, September 20th Healthcare Career Fair 10am-2pm UC Anchor Ballrooms*
- o Various Career Related Events & Workshops