

You and the World of Accounting

Making Accounting Relevant

Choosing the right career results in a more enjoyable lifestyle and satisfying work experiences.

What steps have you taken to plan for your career?

Chapter 1

Section 1 Exploring Careers

What You'll Learn

- How personal interests and skills, values, and lifestyle goals affect career decisions.
- Where to find information on possible careers.
- How to set career goals.

Why It's Important

- A successful career begins with identifying your interests and skills and putting them to work for you.
- As consumers, we buy goods from merchandising businesses daily. Understanding the nature of these transactions is key to accounting for a merchandising business.

Key Terms

- skills
- values
- lifestyle
- personality
- personal interest tests
- networking



Assess Your Career Vision

Skills:

Activities that you do well.

- **Are you good at math?**
- **Do you write well?**
- **Are you creative?**
- **Are you a people person?**



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Values:

The principles you live by and the beliefs that are important to you.

- **It is about actions, not words.**
- **Do you value helping others?**



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Lifestyle:

Is the way you use your time, energy, and resources.

- **Do you want to live in a big city with endless activities or a small town where everyone knows your name?**
- **Do you want to collaborate with a group of people, or do you prefer working solo?**



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Personality:

A set of unique qualities that makes us different from all other people.

- Are you confident, dependable, funny, friendly, sympathetic?
- Do you like being with people, or would you rather spend your time with things, such as reading books or working on computers?



Assess Your Career Vision

- ? What are your personal interests and skills?
- ? What are your values, and how will they affect your career?
- ? What lifestyle interests you?
- ? How will your personality affect a career choice?



Research the Possibilities

- ✓ Guidance counselors
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Print materials
- ✓ The Internet
- ✓ Professional organizations

Setting Career Goals

Step 1 Decide on a long-term goal.

Step 2 Decide on actions that will lead to the long-term goal.

Step 3 Take action!

Step 4 Diversify your skills.

Step 5 Realize the long-term goal.



Check Your Understanding

What consequences might result from choosing a career that conflicts with your values and lifestyle goals?



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Assignment:

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- Thinking Critically 1 & 2
- Computing in the Business World 1 & 2.

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- A MATTER OF ETHICS answer all five questions.