



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?



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
- personality

values

- personal interest tests
- lifestyle
- networking

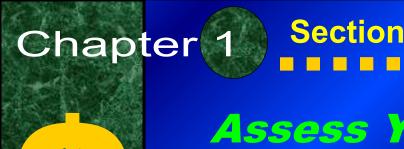


Assess Your Career Vision

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

Step 3Take action!

Step 4Diversify your skills.

Step 5Realize the long-term goal.



Check Your Understanding

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



Check Your Understanding

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.