

# chapter 9

## From Here to Your Career

# *Investigating Your Career*

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### Goals

- \* List the requirements and preparation options for your career.
- \* Analyze career preparation providers.
- \* Begin implementing your career plan.

## Find Your Career Preparation Path

- Identify the requirements of your career.
  - Skills
  - Experience
  - Abilities and personality
  - Education/training
- Match options to requirements.

## Choose Your Education/Training Path

- Select a career preparation provider.
  - Reputation
  - Accreditation
  - Offerings
  - Cost
  - Campus culture
- Determine entrance requirements.

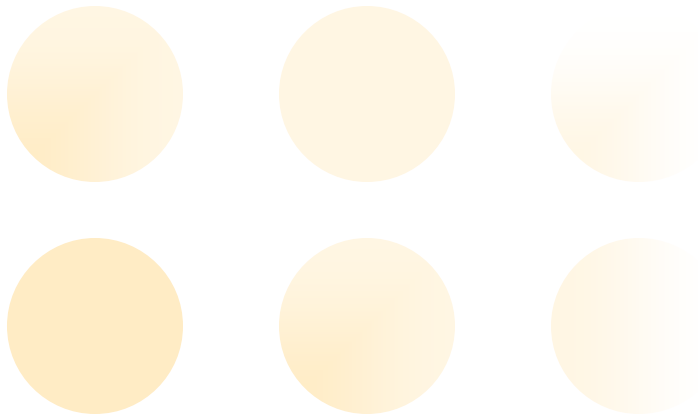
# Campus Culture

A variety of factors influence campus culture:

- Mix and ages of resident, day, and/or night students
- Type of provider (public school, private school, or workplace)
- Geographic and cultural origins of students
- Geographic location of school or workplace
- Number of students and size of classes

## Begin Implementing Your Career Plan

- Choose high school classes.
- Plan activities.
- Decide about jobs.
- Control your time.
- Manage the application process.



## Choose High School Classes

- Choose courses that provide you with a varied background.
- Consider more math, science, and/or technology classes.
- Resist the temptation to take easy electives.
- Plan and track four years of classes.

## Plan Activities

- Does the activity support my values?
- Why is the activity important to me?
- How does the activity help me develop experience, knowledge, and skills that will support my goals?
- How will participating in the activity affect my schedule?
- Will the other people affected by my participation in the activity support my decision?



## Decide about Jobs

- Part-time jobs help students develop characteristics that employers value—responsibility, organization, and time management.
- Part-time jobs provide benefits that teens value—money and increased independence.
- Part-time jobs need to further your career plans or help you meet your goals.

## Control Your Time

- Consider how new activities will affect your schedule.
- Keep your planner current.
- Record your commitments.
- Be organized.
- Plan breaks into your day.

# Manage the Application Process

- Apply for admission.
  - Fill out application documents truthfully, completely, and neatly.
  - Submit application packet and fees on time.

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## Manage the Application Process

- Track your applications.
  - Plan when you will begin the application process based on the application deadline(s).
  - Allow ample time for teachers and counselors to do their part.
  - Give teachers and counselors all of the information they need.
  - Use an application checklist.
  - Check to make sure that teachers, counselors, and references are able to meet application deadlines.

## Summary

- I have listed the requirements and preparation options for my career.
- I have analyzed career preparation providers.
- I can begin implementing my career plan.