**Step 1**

**Know Yourself**

*How do your interests, abilities, skills and values relate to the career or major you choose?*

Your personality will have a major impact on what careers you may succeed in and find rewarding. This step is often overlooked but is very important in the decision-making process. Now is the time to assess your skills, passions, and God-given abilities and start on the path which He has chosen for you.

**The Career Center Services:**

- Individual counseling appointments
- Assessments Online
  - Myers-Briggs
  - PLACE Assessment Online
  - Strong Interest Inventory
  - Self-Directed Search Assessment
- Exploring Majors and Careers Workshop
- Major Course Guides
- What Can I Do With My Major information and links online

**Step 2**

**Understand the World of Work**

*What occupations are actually out there? How do they relate to your major?*

With more than 22,000 job titles in the United States alone, it is difficult to answer this question without gathering some information. Many individuals have embarked on satisfying career paths they never would have known existed unless they did some research.

**The Career Center Services:**

- Individual counseling appointments
- Virtual career Web site
- Career Reference Library
- Online Job Research tools like O*Net & Occupational Outlook Handbook
- Internships, Work-Study, Community Service and Volunteer Opportunities
- Online résumé critiques and mock interviews through the BucCareer Network
Step 3
Evaluate Your Information

Now what do you do with the information gathered from the first two steps?

How do the occupations you looked into relate to skills and interest? Which career areas continue to interest you? As you answer these questions, you can start to concentrate on a few areas.

The Career Center Services:
• Career Reference Library
• Student Computers
• Career Expos
• Informational workshops
• Online Job Research tools like the Occupational Outlook Handbook
• APPLE Internship Program (GNED 398)
• Work-Study and Volunteer Opportunities

Step 4
Check It Out
How will you really know if you will like a certain career?

It's time to check it out!

Take classes in your areas of interest. Talk to professionals in those fields. Get some kind of related experience, such as an internship, summer job, part-time job or volunteer position.

The Career Center Services:
• Individual counseling appointments
• Online Job Search links
• Graduate school assistance
• Summer programs
• Career Expos
• APPLE Internship Program (GNED 398)
• Résumé and Career Development Workshops
• Professional Portfolio critiques

Our Staff
Hester Young, Ma, EdD
The Career Center Director
Assistant Dean of Student Services
hyoung@csuniv.edu

Nicole Copland
Career Counselor
ncopland@csuniv.edu

THE CAREER CENTER
9200 University Boulevard
Charleston, SC 29406
843-863-8019