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If you're unsure what career path to pursue, you're not alone. Many students begin college with questions about what they want to do—and that's perfectly okay. Career exploration is a process, not a one-time decision.

Start by getting to know yourself. Ask:

- What are my interests and strengths?
- Do I enjoy working with people, technology, or my hands?
- Do I prefer working independently or as part of a team?
- What kind of work environment fits me best?

Next, explore careers that match your interests. Research job duties, required skills, salary, growth opportunities, and industry demand.

Then, seek real opportunities to gain firsthand experience - this could be *job shadowing*, *internships*, *volunteering*, or *informational interviews*. Find a company, organization, or institution that interests you. Send a professional email introducing yourself, sharing your career goals, and starting a conversation about future opportunities. You never know where one connection may lead!

Don't forget to use resources like Handshake, [CareerOneStop](#), [O*NET](#), employer websites, and Chatt Tech's [Career Service](#) department to request an aptitude assessment or set up an appointment with a career specialist.

Remember, your first career choice doesn't have to be your *last*. As you gain experience, your interests and goals may evolve. The key is to stay curious, keep exploring, and take one step at a time.

The important thing is to do the research, which will help you make a confident decision.

Here are a few other helpful links to get started on your research:

Bureau of Labor statistics

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Georgia Labor Market Explorer

<https://explorer.gdol.ga.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx>

Explore-Target-Plan

- 🔍 **Explore with Purpose** — Discover your interests, strengths, and career possibilities
- 🎯 **Target Your Options** — Research careers, employers, and opportunities that fit
- 📅 **Plan Your Path** — Identify the skills, education, and experiences needed to reach your goals

