

<b><u>Student Asks.....</u></b>	<b><u>Your Response.....</u></b>	<b><u>Websources:</u></b>
<b>What Can I Do with A Major in.....?</b>	There are numerous pathways in this particular major. Free online resources are available about this major on the Career Services webpage.	<p>Columbia State Community College Career Counseling Services Choice-of-Major: <a href="http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/what-can-i-do-with-a-career-in-">http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/what-can-i-do-with-a-career-in-</a></p> <p>US Bureau of Labor Statistics A-Z Index of Occupation Groups go to: <a href="http://www.bls.gov/ooh/">http://www.bls.gov/ooh/</a></p> <p>US Department of Labor Employment &amp; Training Administration American Job Center Network O*NET Online Occupation Search go to: <a href="http://www.onetonline.org/">http://www.onetonline.org/</a></p>
<p><b>What are Career Clusters?</b>  <b><u>The 16 Career Cluster categories include:</u></b>  <i>Agriculture, Food &amp; Natural Resources</i>  <i>Architecture &amp; Construction</i>  <i>Arts, A/V Technology &amp; Communications</i>  <i>Business Management &amp; Administration</i>  <i>Education &amp; Training</i>  <i>Finance</i>  <i>Government &amp; Public Administration</i>  <i>Health Science</i>  <i>Hospitality &amp; Tourism</i>  <i>Human Services</i>  <i>Information Technology</i>  <i>Law, Public Safety, Corrections &amp; Security</i>  <i>Manufacturing</i>  <i>Marketing</i>  <i>Science, Technology, Engineering &amp; Math</i>  <i>Transportation, Distribution &amp; Logistics</i></p>	<p>The U.S. Department of Education's Career Clusters are organized into 16 broad categories that encompass virtually all occupations from entry through professional levels. Career Clusters identify the knowledge and skills needed to follow a pathway toward career goals and provide a context for exploring the many occupational options available. Note that each Cluster is divided into different pathways that are grouped by the knowledge and skills required for occupations in these career fields.</p> <p>These career clusters resources provide information to explore the many career occupations available to you in the global workforce. Each career cluster category encompasses virtually all occupations from entry-level through professional-level.</p> <p>Career Counseling Services Office provides online resources and in-office materials based on the US Department of Education National Career Clusters Framework, which has 16 broad categories to identify the knowledge and skills YOU need to know in order to COMPETE IN THE WORKFORCE and COMPLETE YOUR CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS.</p>	<p>Information about the National Career Clusters Framework can be found on the Columbia State Career Counseling Services Office webpage. <a href="http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/career-clusters">http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/career-clusters</a></p> <p>Career Cluster Videos- The US Department of Labor American Job Center Network has online Career Cluster Videos for nearly 550 careers, organized by the 16 career clusters recognized by the US Department of Education. <a href="http://www.careeronestop.org/videos/careerandclustervideos/career-and-cluster-videos.aspx">http://www.careeronestop.org/videos/careerandclustervideos/career-and-cluster-videos.aspx</a></p> <p>Career Cluster Information Summary &amp; Sample Occupation Pathways <a href="http://careercoachondemand.com/uploads/The_16_Career_Clusters.pdf">http://careercoachondemand.com/uploads/The_16_Career_Clusters.pdf</a></p> <p>Career Vision <a href="http://careervision.org/career-clusters-2/">http://careervision.org/career-clusters-2/</a></p> <p>National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) <a href="http://www.careertech.org/career-clusters/">http://www.careertech.org/career-clusters/</a>  <a href="http://www.careertech.org/crosswalks">http://www.careertech.org/crosswalks</a></p>

## **CAREER ADVISING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY STUDENTS**

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<p><b>I am undecided about my major, can you help me select one?</b></p>	<p>Columbia State offers over 50 programs of study. Let's view the Program Fliers of available programs offered by Columbia State. Each program flier details a program description, required coursework, a sample schedule by semester, labor market information, and academic division contact information.</p> <p>If Columbia State doesn't offer a preferred program, then there are additional programs of study offered by various higher education institutions.</p>	<p>Columbia State Community College Program Fliers  <a href="http://www.columbiastate.edu/catalog-student-handbook">http://www.columbiastate.edu/catalog-student-handbook</a></p> <p>Columbia State Career Counseling Services Office          US Department of Education 16 Career Clusters Framework Summary Descriptions  <a href="http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/career-clusters/career-cluster-summary">http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/career-clusters/career-cluster-summary</a></p> <p>Tennessee Board of Regents TN Community Colleges webpage offers online access to the more than 480 programs offered at 65 campus locations of the 13 TN community colleges  <a href="http://communitycolleges.tbr.edu/programs-careers/choosing-a-career/">http://communitycolleges.tbr.edu/programs-careers/choosing-a-career/</a>  <a href="http://communitycolleges.tbr.edu/programs-careers/search/">http://communitycolleges.tbr.edu/programs-careers/search/</a></p> <p>Big Future by The College Board provides a full list of Majors &amp; Career Categories in a variety of fields, along with a College search of over 1600 colleges.  <a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers</a>  <a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-to-find-your-college-fit/college-search-step-by-step">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-to-find-your-college-fit/college-search-step-by-step</a></p> <p>The MyMajors online tool provides a list of over 1800 college major profiles including descriptions, courses, careers, salary, related majors and colleges offering major. <a href="http://www.mymajors.com/college-majors/">http://www.mymajors.com/college-majors/</a></p>
<p><b>I have done my preliminary research using the Columbia State Career Services Free Online 24/7 Resources and I still cannot decide a major or career pathway. How can I decide?</b></p>	<p>Columbia State Career Services webpage offers Free 24/7 Access to Online Resources.</p> <p>Schedule an appointment to meet with Freda Pillow, Career Counseling Services Office Suite 148 Jones Student Center via email <a href="mailto:fpillow@columbiastate.edu">fpillow@columbiastate.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:careerservices@columbiastate.edu">careerservices@columbiastate.edu</a></p>	<p>Columbia State Career Counseling Services webpage offers Tips To Finding the Right Major for You! <a href="http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/undecided-about-a-major-">http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/undecided-about-a-major-</a></p>
<p><b>Is there a career test I can take to help me choose a major or career pathway?</b></p>	<p>No, a misconception of many desiring to take a career assessment is that a 'test' will tell them what to do with their lives which is furthest from the truth. Personality and Career Assessments will not tell you what you could or should do. They will, however, help you sort out thoughts and ideas about majors, career paths and occupations based on personal attributes.</p> <p>Career and personality assessment tools are only designed to help individuals understand how a variety of personal attributes (<i>ie interests, values, preferences, motivations, aptitudes and skills</i>) impact your potential success and satisfaction with different career options and work environments.</p> <p><b>Special note:</b> Many career assessments do not measure academic aptitude and other factors which may influence the outcomes of success.</p>	<p>The Columbia State Career Counseling Services webpage offers Free Online Career &amp; Personality Assessments  <a href="http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/personality-and-career-assessments">http://www.columbiastate.edu/career-services/choosing-a-major-or-career/personality-and-career-assessments</a></p> <p>The Tennessee Board of Regents TN Community Colleges webpage offers free online career assessment tools from the State of TN including Assess Your Job Skills and Personal Skills; Career Exploration and Jobs4TN.gov  <a href="http://communitycolleges.tbr.edu/programs-careers/choosing-a-career/">http://communitycolleges.tbr.edu/programs-careers/choosing-a-career/</a></p> <p>College For TN offers online career and college planning profiles and surveys based on interests, career clusters, basic skills, transferable skills checklist, work values sorter, and the career key interest area discovery  <a href="https://www.collegefortn.org/Career_Planning/Learn_About_Yourself/Learn_About_Yourself.aspx">https://www.collegefortn.org/Career_Planning/Learn_About_Yourself/Learn_About_Yourself.aspx</a></p>