

What Kind of Job is Right for You?

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Finding the perfect job (much less the perfect career) is often a life-long journey. However, there are many questions that you can ask yourself to help point you in the right direction. Consider these factors to help you narrow down your potential ideal jobs.



Money

How important is the amount that you take home in your paycheck each week? If there is a minimum amount that you must make to pay the bills, calculate the amount and ensure that your job choice can provide it. However, also ask yourself these two important questions: 1. Does it matter if I make more than that amount (or is that really enough)? 2. Would I take a job I truly loved even if it didn't pay that amount of money?

Motivation

What motivates you to do a good job at something? What makes you want to do something? If you can find a job that you are passionate and motivated about, it will make for an overall happier life. Match your interests with the career, but also think outside of the box. For example, if you love working with young children, don't limit yourself to pre-school teacher or day care worker. Expand your potential career choices to include everything from pediatric doctor to nanny to school bus driver.



Skills

Take stock of what you are currently capable of doing as well as what you are willing and able to learn. Use these factors to help you find a job that you are qualified for (or could become qualified for). When evaluating their skills, many people underestimate their qualifications – think of everything, not just the obvious things. For example, someone who excelled at working a drive through window at a fast food restaurant will have skills such as multi-tasking and verbal communication that can land them many different types of jobs.