

# SUMMARY OF FEATURES

## ASSESSMENTS

The Assessments section includes tools to help identify work interests, skills, learning preferences, and abilities.

- Career Matchmaker is an internationally respected interest assessment tool
- Answer 39 questions for quick results, or as many as 116 for more refined results
- The resulting career suggestions list includes 40 occupations ranked in order of suitability
- Click an occupation to receive clear feedback on why the occupation is a good match
- Tailor the list of career suggestions by recommended cluster area or level of education
- See how occupations that don't appear on suggestion list match up with answers
- Complete the My Skills component
- Learn more about abilities and how they compare to occupations with the Ability Profiler assessment
- Take the Learning Styles Inventory

## EXPLORE CAREERS

The Explore Careers section gives several ways to search for careers.

- Search for occupations by keyword, school subject, or career cluster
- Use Career Selector to find suitable occupations using a variety of criteria
- Explore military careers
- Learn about occupations related to specific industries

Each occupation profile includes:

- A brief summary of the occupation
- Job description
- Working conditions
- Earnings
- Education and training
- Direct links to related college programs
- Sample career path
- A list of related occupations
- Links to other sources of information
- PhotoFile series
- Two multimedia interviews with people in the occupation

## EXPLORE EDUCATION

Comprehensive college and vocational school information to help plan education and training.

- Search for schools by name or state
- Search for majors by program name or using a cluster search tool
- View detailed information on 2- and 4-year colleges, graduate schools, and vocational schools
- Use School Selector to find schools that match criteria
- View a side-by-side comparison of school profiles using the Compare Schools tool
- Prepare for college by following the steps in the College Planning Timeline

## FINANCIAL AID

- View detailed information on thousands of financial aid programs
- Use the Financial Aid Selector to find scholarships based on a variety of criteria

## EMPLOYMENT

The Employment section includes information and tools to search for work.

- The Employment Guide contains advice for developing a job search plan, writing cover letters and resumes, preparing for job interviews, and more
- Use the Job Search tool to find careers that interest

## MY PLAN

The My Plan tool keeps track of career exploration and planning activities.

- Bookmark careers, schools, and college programs of interest, and maintain a diary of goals
- Store multiple Career Matchmaker results and results from other assessments
- Create a personalized high school education plan and develop a post-secondary plan
- Save information about scholarships and other financial aid programs
- Document work and volunteer experiences, skills, abilities, extracurricular activities, career planning activities, and hobbies that are used to automatically build a resume
- Share plans with parents, college admissions offices, organizations offering scholarships, and others
- Track assignments, activities, and advisement sessions