

Task: Building a Path to My Career



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Directions:

Use the Occupational Outlook Handbook and/or labor market and occupational data from your state to research information for your top two career choices. Then, compare your answers to a classmate's. Two examples are done for you.

Occupation	Hairdresser*	Architect*
Employment Outlook	<i>better than average (20 percent growth)</i>	<i>better than average (16 percent growth)</i>
Expected Entry-Level Wage (hourly or annually)	<i>about \$10 per hour plus tips</i>	<i>About \$60,000 per year</i>
Possible Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44 percent are self-employed • competition for higher paying openings is high 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 21 percent are self-employed • Stiff competition, for jobs in most prestigious firms. • Many work more than 50 hours per week
Hiring Requirements	<i>License, post-high school training</i>	<i>To get licensed: 5 yr. professional degree, 3+ years of practical work, training, and pass license exam</i>
School or College Where I Can Train	<i>Diva Hairdressing Academy</i>	<i>XXX State University</i>
Length of Training	<i>1,000 hours</i>	<i>Minimum 6 years</i>
Cost of Training	<i>Approximately \$11,857</i>	<i>Approximately \$132,744</i>
Three Skills I Can Develop Now to Prepare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build communication skills • learn budgeting • develop marketing skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research (Where is new construction?) • time/stress management • computer-aided drawing

*Occupation data is based on 2011 available data.

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Now it's your turn. Gather information about two careers that are interesting to you.

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