

How Can You Investigate Career Options?

A college major can lead to a variety of career options. While a student at NMC, not only will you decide on a college major, but you should also be thinking about how you want to use your degree. That is, what career options would fit best for you? To obtain information and explore career options you can do the following:

➤ **Conduct Informational Interviews**

A great way to research a career is by interviewing a person already employed in that field.

➤ **Job Shadow**

Job shadowing allows you to experience a typical day in an individual's job. A job shadowing experience will enable you to gain valuable insight into whether this job or career is something you might want to pursue.

➤ **Internships**

Internships are recommended by colleges and employers to gain experience in your field of interest.

➤ **Volunteer**

Another option for gaining experience and gauging your interest in a particular career field is through volunteer experiences.

➤ **Student Organizations**

Student organizations often sponsor workshops, seminars and speakers related to various career fields. They may also provide volunteer and networking opportunities.

➤ **Job Posting**

Consult job posting websites to identify occupations of interest. These postings will also assist you in understanding required skills, educational training needed, and potential salary ranges.

➤ **Courses/Professors at NMC**

Make a list of courses offered at NMC that most interest you. Talk with professors about career options and how previous students have used their degree.

➤ **Professional Associations**

Professional associations are great sources of current information about your field of interest. A professional association will typically have a website that includes information such as current trends in the field, job market outlook, career options and job postings. Professional associations often have student chapters.