

New Guide for Occupational Exploration, Fourth Edition Linking Interests, Learning, and Careers

“Individuals investigating careers will find it very usable. . . .Easy to use. . . .Much needed. . . .An essential resource.”

—Joseph E. Havranek, Ed.D., Bowling Green State University

Follow Your Interests • Explore Careers • Discover Your Future

Begin with broad interest areas and narrow down to specific careers with the *New Guide for Occupational Exploration*. Now based on the 16 U.S. Department of Education career clusters, this reference uses a unique process of matching you with potential careers by examining your interests. For more than 25 years, the *Guide for Occupational Exploration* has served as a key reference for helping people discover career and learning options—now the *New Guide for Occupational Exploration* offers more insight and help than ever before.

A Process for Investigating Careers

The *New Guide for Occupational Exploration* gives you a feel for specific careers and whether they match your interests. It begins by asking you to identify your interest level in 16 Interest Areas. You then examine Work Groups of jobs within the cluster to identify types of careers that interest you most. Finally, specific jobs are listed within those Work Groups. The process is simple, and after you narrow down your options, you are provided with loads of information for each Work Group to help you decide which jobs to explore in more detail.

A New Guide with a New Foundation

This fourth edition has been completely revised to cover 16 Interest Areas based on the 16 Department of Education career clusters. This approach closely links interests and learning to careers to help better prepare you for today’s work world. More than 900 jobs are described with the most current information from the U.S. Department of Labor, including skills and abilities needed for the job: related courses, education, or training required; earnings; projected growth through 2012; related work values; working conditions; the O*NET number; personality type; and more. The *New Guide for Occupational Exploration* is a “one-stop shop” providing all of the essential career information you need to know in one convenient reference.

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