

Researching Postsecondary Options: Student Worksheet

Goal: You will use the Career Search Tool on CaliforniaColleges.edu in order to learn about the postsecondary options that align with your career goals.

Part I: Introduction – Bell Work

What are your priorities after you graduate from high school? Do you know what type of certificate(s) or degree(s) you will need to meet your goals? Discuss with an elbow partner.

Part II: Activity

1. Sign in to **CaliforniaColleges.edu** and hover on **Career**.
2. Then click on **Career Search Tool**. In the Search by Keyword box, type the name of a career you might want or the name of a major. Sort results by **Education Level**. What education level will you need for those careers? Select one career of interest by clicking on the career name.
3. Review all sections on the career factsheet. Favorite (♥) the career from the top of the page so it saves to your **My Plan**. With an elbow partner, discuss whether or not you think you have the skills, knowledge, and interest needed to perform the responsibilities of the career you selected.
4. As you review each career, go to the **Education Level** section and learn about the different programs and majors associated with the career. Click on **View Colleges** to find colleges where you might be able to study. From your college results list, you may narrow your results by selecting additional filters in the left column. Make sure to ♥ (favorite) colleges to save your favorites to your **My Plan**.
5. Continue researching until you have added 3-5 colleges to your **My Plan**. Next, navigate to the top of the page, click on the search icon, and use the keywords “college list” to access **California Colleges Building Your College List**. Read the article to learn about match, reach, and safety schools; discuss what you learned with an elbow partner. Consider: How realistic is your college list?
6. Hover on **My Plan** at the top of the page and click on **My College Plan**. Review your **College List** and categorize each of your colleges as match, reach, or safety by using the edit feature in the far right column. Finally, revisit your **Major List**. Does it still look accurate? You may hover on **College** at the top of the page and click on **Major Search Tool** to find and ♥ (favorite) more majors as needed.

Part III: Reflect

- Go to **My Plan** and then **My Journal**. In the **College Journal** section, find **prompt #08**:
“What postsecondary option seems the best fit for you? Why? What are your concerns? What are you excited about? What remaining questions do you have?”
- Respond to the above prompt. Follow your teacher’s instructions if they assign a different prompt.