

# GAcollege411 Search for Careers Transcript

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Welcome to the 'GAcollege411' tutorial for searching careers. Over the next few minutes, I will describe what you can do to prepare for your career search, how to use the various career search and browse tools, and finally, your next steps once you have explored your career options.

Okay, so let's get started by clicking on the 'Career Planning' tab. Now, before you begin your career search, learn more about yourself by taking a few of the insightful assessments in the appropriately named 'Learn About Yourself' section. These assessments help to enhance self-awareness about your interests, values and skills. When you know more about yourself, you are then able to better narrow down your career search from the six hundred and seventy plus career profiles found in 'GAcollege411' to just a few dozen options that best align with your personal preferences and abilities.

Once you have taken a few of these assessments, move on to the 'Explore Careers' section. So, here, at the top of the 'Explore Careers' page are your most basic and straightforward search tools. Say you know the name of the career you're looking for, then just enter the name of the career in the search box and simply click 'Go' for a list of possible results, or, if you're unsure of the proper spelling, use the alphabetical search list and find the career you're looking for that way.

However, for those who don't really know what they're looking for, 'GAcollege411' provides a number of ways for you to poke around and explore careers. First, by career clusters... career cluster is another way of saying career area. Each of the 11 Georgia clusters is a group of careers that require similar knowledge and skills. You may find it helpful to think about which classes you enjoy the most and then figure out which cluster you think they would be sorted under. For each cluster, you'll find a list of related careers, post-secondary programs and pathways.

Now, pathways are smaller, more focused groups of careers. For instance, in the 'Arts and Humanities' cluster, you'll find four pathways: Foreign Language, Journalism, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. Georgia has 62 career and education pathways. You can either explore pathways here or, if you return to the 'explore careers' page, you can use the Peach State Pathways browse tool. Pathways like Performing Arts here are organized like the clusters with career options, post-secondary programs and your recommended plan of study for high school. If there's a specific pathway that you like best, you can simply click here to save it to your portfolio so you can easily find it again the next time you return to 'GAcollege411'. Next to the Peach State Pathways, you'll find Georgia's HOT Careers. HOT careers are the fastest growing and best paying jobs in the state. You'll see here that they're organized by education level and next to each career title you will find the average wage per hour and the expected number of job openings. This is definitely something to keep in mind if you're looking for a promising future career in Georgia. Another way to browse careers is by video which is a really great informative way to get a real-life look at exactly what goes on in a specific career. And finally, if you're hoping to pursue a career in the military, you may be surprised to discover that military careers include everything from carpenter to aerospace engineer.

Okay, so remember those assessments I showed you earlier on the 'Learn About Yourself' page? Well, now that we've explored all the general search tools, let's get down to a more customized search and take a look at how your assessment results can apply to your career search using the 'Career Finder'. The 'Career Finder' is a tool that really narrows down your search by allowing you to specify which characteristics you'd like in a job. This is where taking the assessment in the 'Learn about Yourself' section comes in handy. So, let's say you have completed the 'Interest Profiler', what the Career Finder lets you do is import your results by clicking here and then it will take those characteristics into account when searching for your most compatible careers.

You can also choose other characteristics like the kind of salary you want to make, the level of education you plan to complete or whatever else is important to you. You should start by selecting only a few criteria and then click to see a list of your matching careers. Gradually, add more and more criteria until you end up with a list of about 10 to 30 matching careers. Take some time to browse a few of the career profiles that interest you the most, saving the ones you like best to your portfolio. Now, if the 'Career Finder' reveals a few career options that you're really interested in, but you find that you can't decide between them, then what you can do next is weigh your options by using the 'Compare Careers' tool. Note: this tool is easier to use once you have a few careers saved in your portfolio. Simply select two careers you'd like to compare and then the 'Compare Careers' tool will list the two profiles side by side. This lets you get a better look at their similarities and differences and ultimately decide on which career seems like the best choice for you.

Once you've found one or two careers that you're most interested in, you should then move on to the 'Career Plan Builder'. This will take you step by step through the process of creating a meaningful plan for high school, college and beyond. So, naturally, you'll start by choosing one of the careers you've saved to your portfolio. The 'Career Plan Builder' will list all the facts about the career; prompting you to examine all of the details and confirm your choice. These confirmation steps are very important because they force you to consider all of the factors instead of simply skimming through the entire career planning process without taking everything into account. After all, this is your future we're talking about. You want to make sure that you're going to be happy with the decision you've made.

Okay, so next you'll be expected to confirm your high school course plan based on the career you've chosen. You'll also need to choose an education path and then, once again, confirm that you're good with that as well. Once you've selected and confirmed your educational path, you'll need to choose which post-secondary school you want to attend. And again, like everything else, you'll need to confirm your choice for that too. Remember, if at any time you notice something not suited to you, you can go back and chose a different school, educational path or even all the way back to a different career.

Finally, make some lifestyle predictions, like where you want to live, what you want to do in your free time and if you plan on having a family. This gets you thinking about the big picture. If you plan on having a family, you may not want to go for a job that requires you to travel all the time or work long hours. The lifestyle prediction step is all about encouraging you to prioritize your goals and maintain a healthy work-life balance. When you're done, the 'Career Plan Builder' will

give you a bunch of tips to help you make your plan happen, and, of course, everything is saved in your portfolio.

Now, while the 'Career Plan Builder' can be used while you're exploring careers, it's also okay to leave this tool until later on. You might want to first spend some time in the 'College Planning' section, exploring which programs you want to take after high school as well as exploring what schools offer these programs. You can search for your best school matches using the 'School Finder' tool which is much like the 'Career Finder' we reviewed earlier. When you have a certain school in mind, you can save it to your portfolio and then come back and do the career plan builder. That way when you get to the step that asks you to select a post-secondary school, you will have already chosen your best option. Once you're done building a career plan, you may want to move on to the 'Get a Job' section. Here you'll find a variety of useful tools to help you create a winning résumé, practice for an interview and more so that you start building on the skills you need today to get the career of your dreams tomorrow.

So, that about covers all we're going to cover in this tutorial. To take the next step towards achieving your career goals, I recommend you also check out the following 'GAcollge411' tutorials: [Career Assessments](#), [Searching for Colleges](#) and [Building a High School Course Plan](#).

Good luck!