

AM I IN THE RIGHT MAJOR???



Choosing the right major can be a difficult decision for some students. Determining if you are in the right major based upon your future education/career goals can play a big factor in completing your degree in a timely manner. Some key questions to keep in mind when choosing your major or if you're thinking about changing your major are:

- Is this major geared more towards employment or further education? Some majors are intended to help students find immediate employment upon completion while others are meant for students to further their education afterwards. If you aren't sure, check the Program Catalog for a detailed description about each major to help determine the intended outcome.
- How is my Financial Aid situation? Students only have so much aid available to them while pursuing their degree at NCCC. If you make the decision to change your major too late, there is a chance you could potentially run out of available aid.

There are several factors to consider when choosing a major, including the type of job/field you desire, salary, education/training required, growth outlook, etc. If you are questioning whether the major you chose is the right one for you or thinking about changing majors but aren't sure which one to choose, consider the following resources:

- 1. Reach out and schedule an appointment with the <u>NCCC Career Services</u> office. They will sit down with you to discuss your interests and goals, answer any questions you have and can also provide different assessments that may help you identify jobs/fields that fit your interests best.
- 2. The Occupational Information Network (O*Net) This site provides detailed information about any job/field you can think of, including, salary, education/training needed, skills desired, as well as other jobs related to that specific field that you may find interesting, among others.
- 3. Occupational Outlook Handbook U.S. Department of Labor site that provides detailed descriptions and statistical information for individual jobs as well as job fields. Jobs can be searched by salary ranges, growth outlook, amount of education required, and many more.

The above sites provide plenty of information that will be beneficial to you if you are having reservations about your major, but it is still highly recommended that you take the time to speak with either your Success Coach, the Career Services office or the Student Development office to help you through the process of choosing the right major that aligns with your future goals.