

Career Research

The internet is a fantastic resource for researching careers.

Search: You can use the internet and search engines (such as Google) to answer specific questions such as, “what careers are hands on?” or phrases such as, “active careers”.

Basic Internet Research Tips:

- 1) Start general, then **narrow down your search**.
- 2) Do the **same search multiple times** using different key words.
- 3) Look at many **different websites**.
- 4) Keep your searches **simple**.
- 5) Look at **all of the pages** of a website
- 6) Keep in mind:
 - a. **Relevancy** – does this have anything to do with what I need?
 - b. **Accuracy** – is this information correct?
 - c. **Point of view** – who is telling me this information? Can I trust them?
 - d. **Opinion vs. fact** – is this someone’s opinion, or is it a fact?
 - e. **Up to Date** - Is this information current, or outdated?

Some Websites to Investigate:

Job Bank Canada www.jobbank.gc.ca

- Click on “Outlooks:”
 - Occupation
 - Education Program
 - Wages
 - Skills & Knowledge
- Explore what jobs are available in your area with the “Job Search”

Services for Youth <http://www.youth.gc.ca>

- Click on “More about Careers...” and explore. Look at the different industries and careers.

HRSDC Career Handbook <http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/English/CH/2001/Welcome.aspx>

- 1) Click on “[Classification Structure](#)” on the left.
- 2) Click on the “Skill Type” groups that appeal to you.
- 3) Click on the careers that appeal to you.
- 4) Scroll down for information about the career.

Other awesome websites for career research:

Some of these are American sites with American information, but are still fantastic for finding basic career information.

- Inside Jobs <http://www.insidejobs.com/>
- Career Trek <http://www.careertrekbc.ca/>
- Career Explorer Job Descriptions <http://www.careerexplorer.net/job-descriptions>
- Big Future Major and Career Search (US) <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers>
- Career Thoughts Job Descriptions <http://careertoughts.com/job-descriptions>
- Becomeopedia How to Become... <http://becomeopedia.com/how-to/>