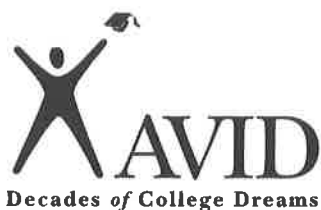


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Career Values Inventory

Because you will most likely work for 20–30 years, it is important to choose a career that will bring you satisfaction. Below is a list of values adults think are important factors in being happy at a job. As you read each item, put a check mark next to any that is important to you, or that you think might be important in a future job. After you finish going through the list once, go back and put a second check mark by the five items that are absolutely the most important to you.

VALUE:	WHAT THIS VALUE MIGHT LOOK LIKE IN THE WORKPLACE:
Access to technology:	utilizing computer skills on a daily basis
Accomplishment:	learning and developing skills that lead to mastery and to promotion opportunities
Adventure:	seeking new frontiers, either mentally or physically
Challenge:	performing difficult or complex work, or meeting ever-more-difficult goals
Collegiality:	being part of a group where you're an equal and your opinion counts
Competition:	comparing your accomplishments to those of others
Creativity:	using your imagination; coming up with new ideas
Entrepreneurship:	being self-employed
High salary:	working in a field where high salaries are the norm rather than the exception
Independence:	deciding for yourself what work to do, and how and when to do it
Intellectual stimulation:	relying on thought and reasoning to complete tasks
Leadership:	persuading others to see or do things your way
Loyalty:	believing in what the organization does or promotes
Outdoor workspace:	choosing a career that requires fieldwork, such as marine biology
Physical work:	using your entire body to carry out your job (e.g., dance, acting, archaeology)
Public contact:	dealing with the public on a daily basis (e.g., politics)

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- Job security:** identifying work for which there will always be a demand (e.g., mortuary science)
- Public service:** working for another person's benefit
- Range of duties:** working in a job that requires you to "wear many hats"
- Travel:** taking frequent trips, either locally, nationally, or internationally
- Working with animals:** caring for or training animals
- Working with children:** teaching or caring for children
- Working with hands:** working in a job in which you use your hands or hand tools
- Working with machines or equipment:** working in job in which you use machines or equipment
- Working with numbers:** working in a job that uses mathematics or statistics

Now look at the five values that you double-checked. Choose your top three values from those five. Write them in the spaces below in the order of their importance to you.

Work Value #1 _____

Work Value #2 _____

Work Value #3 _____

1. Visit California Career Zone's website.
2. Explore the Industry Sectors. Using your Career Values Inventory to guide your choices, find three careers that you find interesting or appealing.
3. Take notes on each of the three careers.

Career #1: _____

What do they do:

Things they need to know:

Things they need to be able to do:

Average annual salary: _____

Number of openings per year: _____

Career #3: _____

What do they do:

Things they need to know:

Things they need to be able to do:

Average annual salary: _____

Number of openings per year: _____