#### CAREER CHOICES – WHERE AM I?

#### 1 What are my interests?

* What hobbies do I enjoy?
* Do I prefer spending time indoors or outdoors?
* Do I enjoy working with people, animals, data, or, books?
* What activities would I miss the most if I could no longer do them?

#### 2 What are my values?

Everyone has values or things that are important to them, such as financial security, social justice, or work-life balance. These values can help you decide what type of career to pursue. Here for instance, consider a job that pays well if you value financial security, and consider the type of hours you'd like to work to achieve work-life balance and what career may offer that to you. Where do you see yourself in 5/10 years time? Choose 5 values.

#### 3. What is my personality?

Your [personality is the way you think](https://hospitalityinsights.ehl.edu/free-personality-student-young-professional), feel, and behave. It can be an important factor in guiding you toward a specific career, so consider several aspects of your personality as you reflect on your future.

* Are you a [leader](https://hospitalityinsights.ehl.edu/customer-service-skills-team-leaders) or a follower?
* Do you prefer to work alone or in a group?
* Do you prefer to cooperate or compete with others?
* Do you enjoy helping others or prefer to empower them to do things themselves?
* Are you a thinker who focuses on ideas or are you a doer who takes action?
* Are you a [creative and artistic person](https://hospitalityinsights.ehl.edu/hospitality-industry-needs-more-creative-people) or do you thrive with structure and routine?

#### 4. What are my skills?

Right now, you already possess skills that can help you succeed in the future. Think about your [hard skills and soft skills](https://hospitalityinsights.ehl.edu/hard-soft-skills).

* Hard skills - skills you’ve acquired through study, such as culinary arts or computer programming.
* Soft skills - the people and life skills you possess, including empathy, teamwork, problem-solving, and time management.

Remember, skills can be developed and [new skills can be learned at any stage of life](https://hospitalityinsights.ehl.edu/why-lifelong-learning-is-like-pizza), so don't let a lack of skills put you off a certain career path. Let the existing skills you have guide you. Whether you require further skill development or not will be the next challenge.

#### 5. What are my talents and strengths? What are my weaknesses?

From childhood, you have demonstrated talents and strengths that make you unique, these qualities can help you succeed in your chosen career. If you don't know your talents and strengths, make a list of everything you’re good at doing. Your family members, friends, teachers, boss, and mentors can help you write this list that you will use to narrow down potential careers.

#### 6. What education or training do I need for the job?

Certain careers require advanced education and financial investment. For example, you may need 8 to 12 years of education and training to be a doctor, but you could earn a hospitality management bachelor in four years. Think about the time and money required to pursue a career as you make your decision.

#### 7. Where do I want to live?

Some jobs are more readily accessible while others can only be performed in certain locations. For example, you will probably need to live in a rural location if you choose to work as a park ranger or farmer, and you may want to live near an urban area if you plan to pursue a finance or fashion career. Plan carefully to ensure you can work where you want to live - and vice versa.

#### 8. How much money do I want to make?

Different careers provide different monetary rewards. Even though salary shouldn’t be the main factor in choosing a career, your paycheck can play a role in your quality of life and where you live. Consider your earning potential and how important salary is to you as you narrow down your career options.

VALUES

Sociable

Trustworthy

Traditional

Humorous

Family-oriented

Conciliatory - pacifying

Optimistic

Pessimistic

Adaptable

Materialistic

Reserved

Indirect

Punctual

Hard-working

Efficient

Nationalistic

Individualistic

Future-oriented

Direct

Indirect

Self-reliant

Confrontational

Relaxed

Live for the moment