WHAT EDUCATION DOES MY DREAM JOB REQUIRE?

You can choose from hundreds of majors and certificates. Typically, most fall into two categories: liberal arts or career-oriented.

LIBERAL ARTS MAJORS

include literature, philosophy, history and languages. These majors are broader and can lead to various jobs that don’t require specific or technical knowledge.

- **English** – editor, marketing executive, writer
- **Foreign language** – foreign service officer, translator, teacher
- **Political science** – community organizer or activist, lawyer, policy analyst
- **Psychology** – market researcher, social worker, mental health counselor

CAREER-ORIENTED MAJORS OR CERTIFICATES

focus on developing particular skills and knowledge for specific careers

- Marine biology
- Culinary arts
- Paralegal studies
- Engineering
- Dental hygiene

DON’T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO YET?

1. Think about your interests.
   - List job ideas and interests and then research how they can connect to a job.
   - Visit careerbridge.wa.gov to explore careers.

2. Determine how to qualify for different jobs.
   - Learn job requirements (skills, classes, specific degrees or training, etc.)
   - Talk to a career counselor, mentor or family member.

3. Get experience.
   - Volunteer, get an internship or job shadow.

DO RESEARCH:

Research different colleges to figure out which ones offer the certification program, major and/or degree that you need for your career. What you choose will impact how much money you earn.

Individuals with a college degree earn $1 million more over their lifetime compared to those with only a high school diploma. (Khan Academy, 2014).