Education and Career Path
As you think about which major to choose, you are probably pulled in many different directions. Should you study what seems interesting, or fun, or most likely to lead you to a high-paying job? Should you follow your own instincts or the advice of family and friends? Here are some general guidelines that might help.

1. **Follow your passions.** Start by asking yourself how you would spend your time in an ideal world. You will be a much happier and more successful person if you study subjects that interest you and prepare for a career you care about.

2. **Do some research.** Speak with someone who teaches or works in your chosen field(s). Find out about possible careers and the preparation they require.

3. **Get to know yourself.** You’ll also find many free personality and career inventories on the internet.

4. **Set a goal, but be open to revising it.** As you take courses in pursuit of one major or career, you will learn more about yourself. Opportunities will appear while others fall away. As you learn, as long as you engage in reflection, you’ll find that you’re better able to identify career tracks that will work for you.

- From MPC’s College Success Website
Studies show that students with a clear career path are more likely to succeed.

- Don’t get stuck at Cabrillo slowly taking class after class not reaching your goal.
See a Counselor

- Make a 30–60 minute appointment with an academic counselor. Check in with your counselor at least once a year.
- Attend an Education Plan Workshop and create your plan.
- Explore **career and educational goals** at the Transfer and Career Center and at the Career Café.
- Sign a transfer agreement and use assist.org