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SEEK NEW HEIGHTS

Crafting your Future:

Navigating Vocational Paths and Certificates

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North rim to South rim, all in
one day, 24 miles!



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Learning Outcomes

- Understand the vast opportunities, skills & trade options available outside of a common University or graduate degree education.
- Identify the types of careers that might suit your personality, values & interests.
- Be capable of seeking out trade schools or certification programs within your community that serve your interests.





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Examples

- **Vet Tech**
- **Dental Assistant**
- **Paralegal**
- **Welder**
- **HVAC technician**



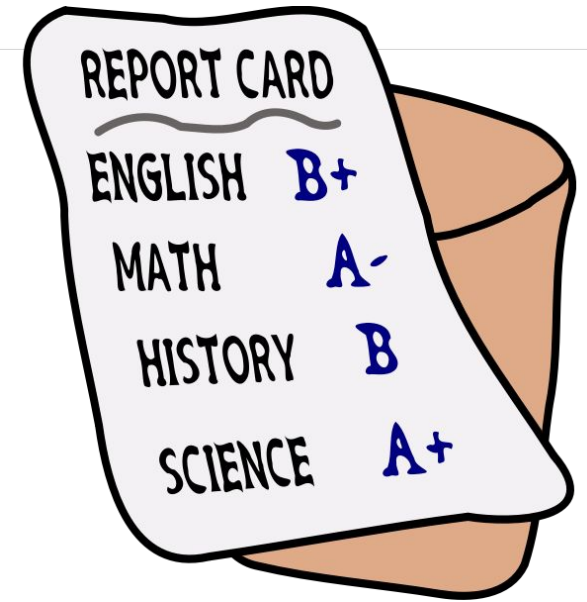


2. Why Vocational Training?





- less expensive
- less time in the classroom
- don't want a Bachelor's Degree
- High School grades & SAT/ACT tests don't matter
- real on-the-job experience
- job placement



Over 90% of professionals in TRADE JOBS felt positively about their:

- earning potential
- job stability
- upward mobility
- upskilling opportunities





3.

Where Do I Start?

**What Do I Want to
Do for a Living?**



How to Determine your career path:

- what does your day-to-day to look like?
- what work are you suited to?
- will you work alone or alongside others?
- indoor office or outdoors?
- travel?
- desk job?



WHAT CAREER WILL BRING YOU PURPOSE & MEANING?



Career Assessment Tests

- online
- based on:
 - ◆ interests
 - ◆ values
 - ◆ personality
 - ◆ talents
- best tests draw from all four
- *and* work with Department of Labor's O*NET

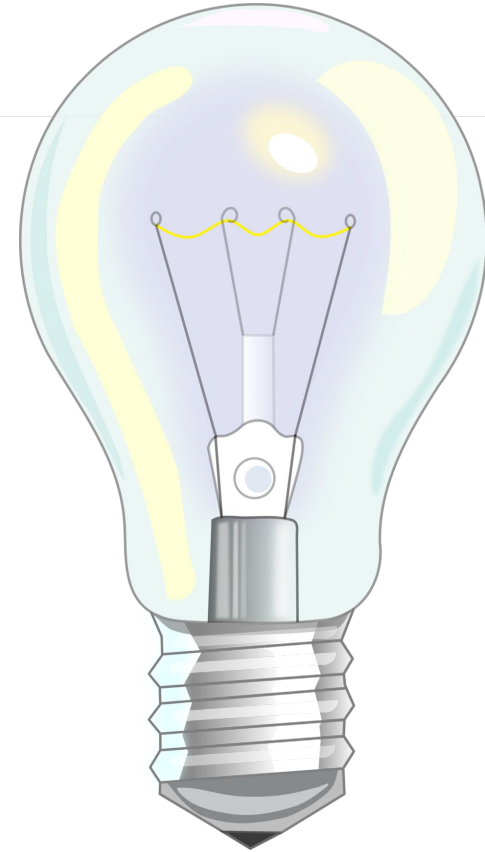


ACTIVITY



**Let's take a Career
Interest Test!!**

5 minutes





4.

I Think I have a Career in Mind.

Now What?



NOW WHAT?

- HS counselor
- online search
- ask someone in the field
what credentials are
needed

*application for admission, HS
diploma or GED*





5. What to Look for in a Trade School





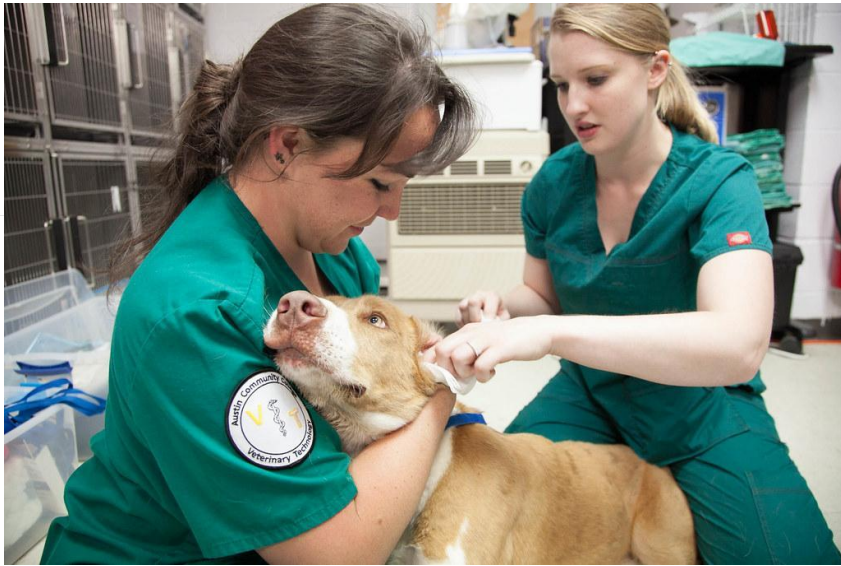
- research employment record of graduates
- does the school help with job placement?
- accredited school that offers the certifications you need
- tour the facility





6. Tips to Success





- Have a good attitude
- Instructors
 - can help with networking
 - be willing to take criticism
 - be humble
- Work Hard to find the job you want





Q & A



Takeaway Challenge

- Think about your current & future roles in the OA, in Scouting & in your **life**.
- Write down 3 key takeaways from this session that will enable you to Seek New Heights in your life & future.

