

Use FOCUS 2 to Help You Select Your Major and Career Path



FOCUS 2 will guide you through a reliable career and education decision making model to help you **choose your major at NKU and make informed decisions about your career.**

Step 1: Complete all Self Assessments: Work Interests, Values, Personality, Leisure Interests, Skills

Step 2: Combine your results: Click **Combine**. Select completed assessments to narrow your results. Scroll down to see which occupations occurred most frequently in your assessment results.

- **Explore What Can I Do with A Major in ... at NKU.** Your assessment results are matched to occupations and supporting majors at NKU. Click on an occupation for an in-depth description.
- **Explore occupations associated with any major area of study.** Learn about careers associated with all possible majors.

Step 3: Save your favorite occupations and majors with your comments, questions and rankings.

- Review and save at least 5 of your favorite occupations listed in your assessment results.
- Review and save 1-2 majors that will support those occupations.

Review the results and occupational matches for the individual and combined assessments. Save all occupations/majors of interest. Schedule an appointment with a career advisor by calling (859) 572-5680, visiting Career Services in UC 225, or logging into Handshake at nku.joinhandshake.com.

Step 4: To explore the possibilities, click on *What Can I do with a Major In...?* Click on any major category and then major of interest to learn more. **Note:** The majors that are congruent with your work interests have been tagged as suggested majors. Explore the occupations associated with a major that is of interest. Click on any of the associated occupations in the list below the major and explore the following:

Outlook: What are the employment opportunities projected for these occupations?

Advancement: What opportunities are typically available to a person in this field?

Interest Profile: How do your work interests compare with the work interests of the occupations in this career field?

Professional Assoc.: Links to Professional Associations related to this field of work.

Areas of Study: What education credentials and areas of study are typically pursued by people in this field?

Informed Decision Making: Continue to use FOCUS 2 as a resource to help you make informed decisions about your career and education.

- Evaluate your **Career Readiness** using all the features of that FOCUS 2 section and learn about effective ways to engage in the career planning process using your *Career Planning Foundations*.
- Continue your career and education exploration using FOCUS 2 to:
 - ✓ Explore any Occupation
 - ✓ Explore Occupation by Job Family
 - ✓ What can I do with a major in...?
 - ✓ Compare Two Occupations Side by Side.
 - ✓ Create an Action Plan to Achieve Your Objectives