

# Job Seeker Corner

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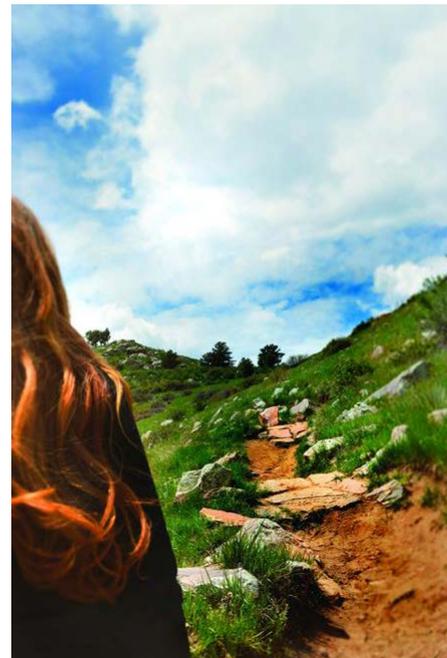
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## Workforce Center Hours for Walk-in Consultations

Good luck in choosing your next career! Always remember, the Workforce Center offers a variety of walk-in consultation hours if you get stuck and need to ask questions. [Click here](#) for a complete list of Workforce Center hours and contact information.

## Tools to help in choosing your next career

Researchers indicate that people will change careers an average of 7 times in their lifetime. It's likely that you will need or want to switch gears on your career path at one point or another. Have you ever wondered how you might choose your next career, as opposed to simply ending up there by chance? This issue is dedicated to any jobseeker who thinks they might want to switch careers either now or in the future, and aren't sure what resources might be available to help them decide. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather some solid resources to get you started in your process. There is a multitude of career assessment tools available. Here are a few that you can try:



- [Click here](#) to access an **assessment** that asks you questions about your interests. The results will help point you in a career direction based on your dominant three interests.
- [Click here](#) to access **jobZology's** assessment. jobZology is a career assessment that looks at values, interests, personality and workplace preferences to help you determine your match strength for different careers. There are also many filters you can use to narrow the list of careers to be better suited to your industry and educational preferences.
- When considering any job change, it's important to understand your top values as they pertain to employment. Consider taking this quick **assessment** to better understand your top three "non-negotiables."

Now that you have some idea what careers you might like to consider,



it's time to research! Here are a couple of tools you can use to better understand what those different careers look like.

- [Click here](#) to access OnetOnline, a one-stop shop with a complete description of any occupation. Learn everything from skills, knowledge, abilities and tools of the trade to education needed.
- Watch realistic occupational videos [here](#) for a snapshot of what that your new occupation looks like.

## More tools!

When you're thinking about a new career, it's important to understand what the labor market looks like for that career. There's nothing worse than switching careers only to find out that there aren't any jobs for that line of work in your area.

- [Click here](#) to learn everything from how much a career pays, to expected numbers of annual job openings in your area.
- Additionally, check out the [Resume Builder](#) on Career Coach to identify tasks for those new job titles that you may have done in the past so you know what kinds of things to include on your resume.

## Going back to school?

Finally, do you need to go back to school? If so, when you graduate, will you be at a competitive advantage or disadvantage in your new field? Carefully consider the length of time and cost for going back to school. If the new credential is going to complement your previous education, you might be ahead of other candidates. If however, you are completely changing fields, when finished you may be competing with entry-level employees who are younger and willing to work for less. If you decide going back to school is a good choice, it's possible that the Workforce Center may be able to help pay for training for your new career. **To learn more about our training programs [click here](#)**

## Community Resources

Did you know that the **Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)** offers free services to assist continuing, returning, first-time or prospective students with their educational needs? Services include Career Awareness, Financial Aid Assistance, Educational and Admissions Assistance, and more. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## Veterans Corner

Are you a veteran looking for work? The Larimer County Workforce Center is proud to offer “**Jobs for Veterans**,” a program which is intended to provide those veterans at highest risk of long term unemployment with intensive job search assistance and support. **For more information, and to see if you qualify, [click here](#).**



Sometimes, one of the biggest barriers to employment for veterans is figuring out how to translate their military experience into something that employers can relate to. **[Click here](#)** to use a comprehensive online military skills/job translator.

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