IT TAKES A VILLAGE: PARTNERSHIPS TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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INT150: Academic and Career Planning

- This course is designed to guide freshman and sophomore students through the career and academic exploration and planning processes and to provide the strategies and skills necessary for a lifetime of career-related decision making.
- In collaboration with community members from the Winter Park Public Library Lifelong Learning Institute and Rollins Career Connections alumni volunteers, students will engage in a variety of self-discovery initiatives, exploring personal interests, values and abilities.
- With this information, students will utilize various assessment and reflection techniques to define and clarify educational and career plans. In addition, several methods of researching academic and career opportunities will be discussed and practiced in class.

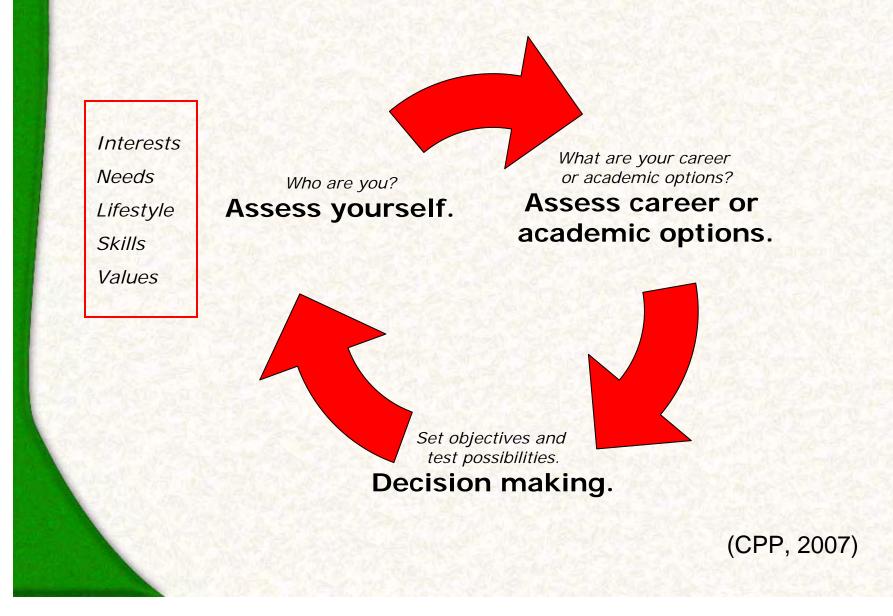
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Winter Park Public Library – Lifelong Learning Institute

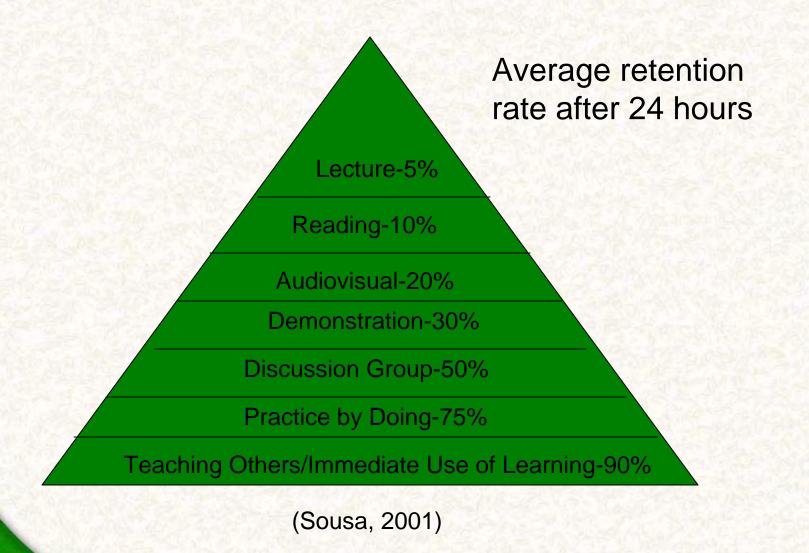
- The Lifelong Learning Institute is the adult education department of the Winter Park Public Library.
- Courses at the Lifelong Learning Institute support the Library's mission of information, education and entertainment; providing Winter Park residents and Library patrons the opportunity to:
 - engage in personal development and enrichment
 - engage in continuous learning through training and development
 - learn how to better access information in an electronic age



Career and Academic Planning Model



Effectiveness of Teaching Methods



Student Learning Imperative

"Optimal benefits [in regards to desired learning outcomes] are more likely to be realized under certain conditions, such as active engagement and collaboration with others (faculty, peers, co-workers, and so on) on learning tasks" (ACPA, 1996, p.119)

Activities with Elders

- Values Game (visit 1)
- Biography Paper (visit 1)



- Strong Interest Inventory Interpretation (visit 2)
- End-of-the semester student presentations (optional visit)

University Club – Preceptor Program

- <u>The University Club of Winter Park</u> is chartered as a 501(C)(3) and is a place where people interested in intellectual pursuits meet for fellowship and the exchange of knowledge. The Club cultivates a broad range of cultural, scientific, historical and philanthropic interests through cultural presentations, dinner and luncheon meetings, entertaining and informative speakers, seminars, group activities and whatever promotes member interests.
- <u>The Preceptor Program</u> is a joint effort of the University Club of Winter Park and Rollins College. The program makes members of the University Club of Winter Park with their experience, skills and knowledge, available to the faculty and students of Rollins College in the role of guest speakers, lecturers, and mentors.

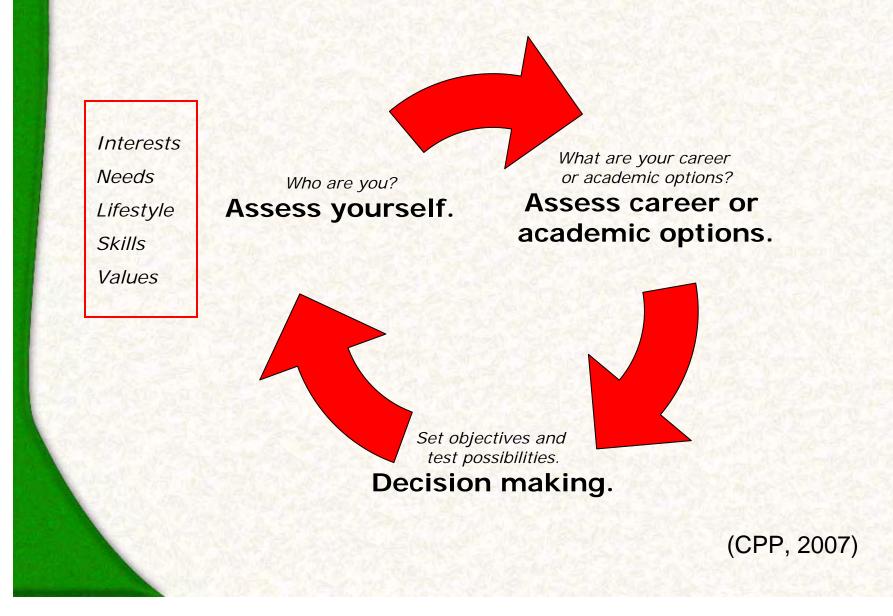
Activities with Active Elders

- Values Game (visit 1)
- Biography Paper (visit 1)



- Strong Interest Inventory Interpretation (visit 2)
- Community Partners Panel OR Business
 Etiquette & Professional Communication (visit 3)

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Career Connections Alumni Assignment

(Sample Questions)

Getting to Know Each Other

- What was your major?
- Did you go to grad school?
- What kind of work do you do?
- What do you like/dislike about your work?

The Importance of Practical Experience

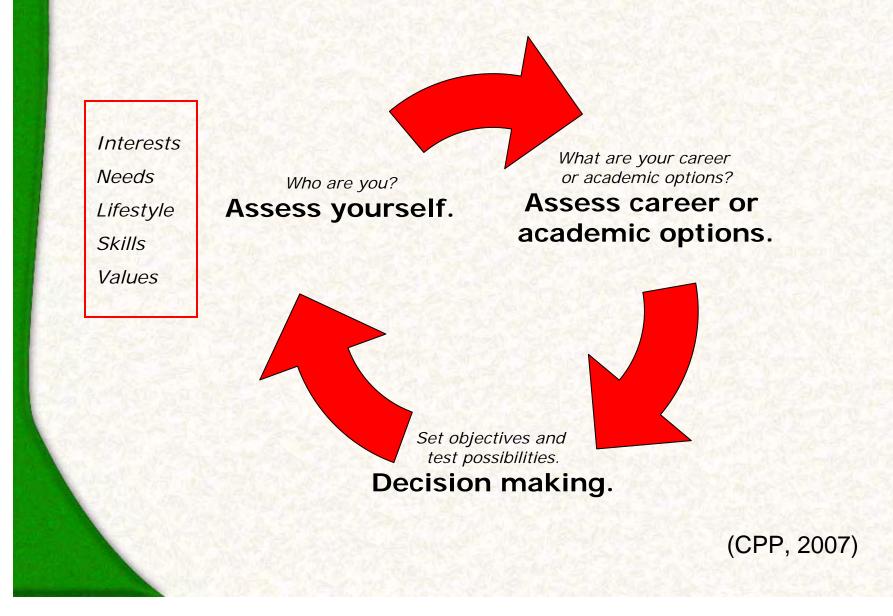
- Did you do an internship?
- What part-time jobs did you do?
- Were you involved in any clubs?
- What skills did you learn then that you still use now?

Academic and Career Planning

- What was your career path?
- What kind of career goals did you set?
- What kind of job search strategies have you used?
- What do you think about *my* career goals?
- Do you have any advice for me?



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Key Connections to "Test Possibilities"

- Office of Community Engagement
 - Service learning, volunteerism
- Office of Student Involvement and Leadership
 - Campus clubs, organizations, Greek life
- Office of International Programs
 - Study abroad, field study, semester-at-sea
- Internships
 - For credit, not-for-credit





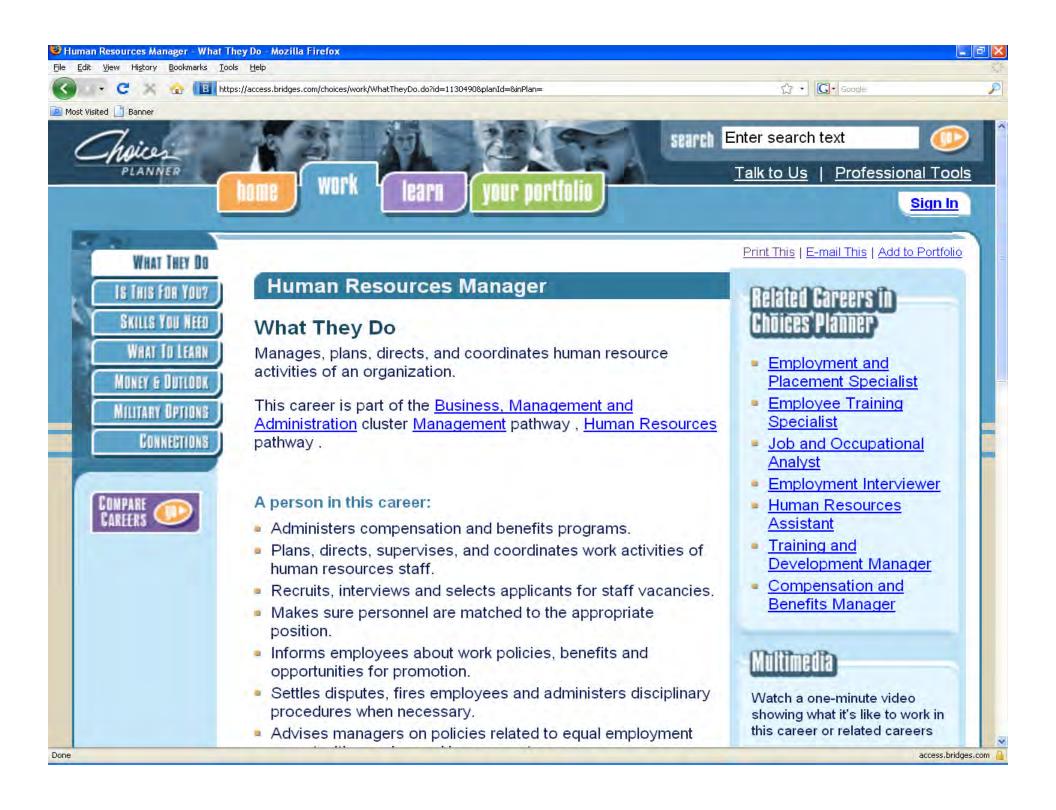
Student Involvement w/Intention

- Classroom Panels
- Professional Preparation Planner
 - Choices Planner



Choices Planner

Learn about yourself with our assessments and connect your course plans, post-secondary options and career goals.



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IS THIS FOR YOU?

SKILLS YOU NEED

WHAT TO LEARN

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CONNECTIONS

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Skills You Need

Basic Skills

The following skills are important for this career:

- Reading comprehension medium (Level 5)
- Active listening medium (Level 5)
- Writing medium (Level 5)
- Speaking medium (Level 5)
- Mathematics medium (Level 4)
- <u>Critical thinking</u> medium (Level 5)
- Active learning medium (Level 4)
- Learning strategies medium (Level 5)
- Monitoring medium (Level 4)

These skills are necessary but not as important:

Science - low (Level 1)

Tell me more about **Basic Skills** ...

Transferable Skills

Here's a list of skills used in this career that are also used in other careers.

Your Basic Skills: You probably have n skills than you think. you want to see how skills match careers?

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Try the <u>Basic Skills</u> <u>Survey</u>.

Your Transferable Have you wondered the things you've lea will help you in other

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Skills You Will Develop from Your Major and/or Minor Coursework

Skill	Major	Minor
Social perceptiveness	PSY 254 Personality	
Planning and administering budgets		INB 230 Principles of Financial/Managerial Accounting
Speaking	COM 110 Public Speaking (Elective)	
Managing/directing people and programs	PSY 317 Group Dynamics	
Learning Strategies	PSY 341 Learning with Laboratory	

Skills You Will Develop from Experiential Activities Outside the Classroom

Skill	Undergraduate Research	Volunteer/ Service- Learning	Internship	Campus/ Community Leadership Position	Study Abroad
Formulating Program Policy and Goals	Summer Research with Dr. John Houston (Indus./Organ. Psychologist)			Representative for Residence Hall Association	
Providing Personnel Services		Office of Community Engagement Wisdom- works Coach Service Opportunity	Internship with the Tews Company (FoxLink database)		
Writing	American University Summer Internship Program			Contributing Writer for the Sandspur	

Is it Working? – Assessment Results

I feel somewhat anxious or uncomfortable about what I am going to do after I graduate.

PRE-Test

78% = Agree or Strongly Agree

22% = Disagree or Strongly Disagree

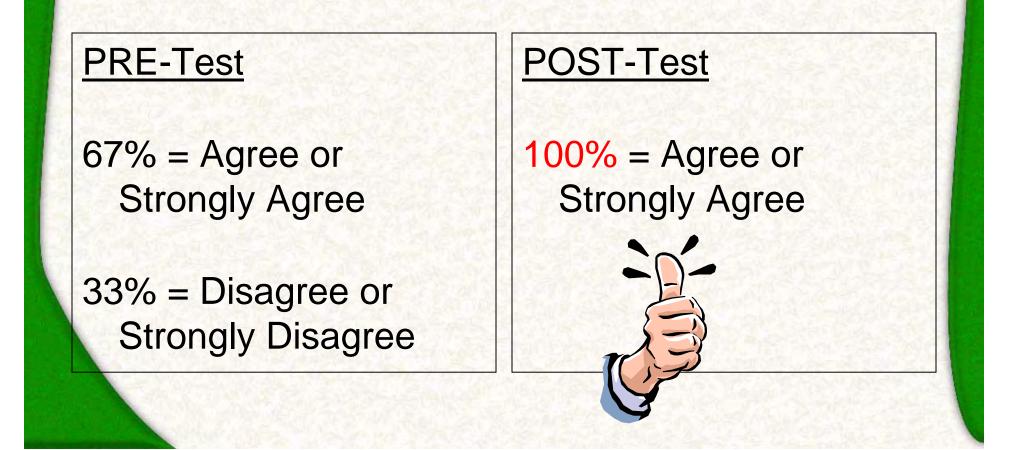
POST-Test

$$26\% = Agree$$

74% = Disagree or Strongly Disagree

Assessment (cont'd)

I understand the Rollins curriculum (required courses, electives, majors, etc).



Assessment (cont'd)

I don't know how to research careers that interest me.

PRE-Test

67% = Agree or Strongly Agree

33% = Disagree or Strongly Disagree

Future Possibilities

- Myers-Briggs Assessment w/Elders
- Upward Bound/Talent Search Programs
 - Teach career planning concepts to middle/high school students
- Parents
- Employers
- Faculty Advisors

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Thank you!

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