

## Careers: A Library Pathfinder



I need to find out about careers, but I don't know where to start.

**Finding a career** that's right for you can seem like a daunting task. Fortunately, the library can help! Here are some tools you can use to find information about **careers, résumé writing, job hunting**, and more.

### 1. Books

The following reference books can be found in the Kendall Campus Library:

*Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance* (call number: REF HF5381 .E52 2008)

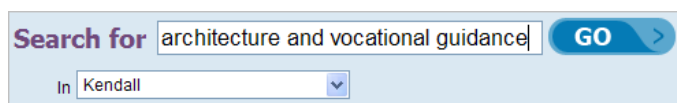
*Occupational Outlook Handbook* (ask for this book at the Reference Desk, or visit [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) for the online version.)

You can also use the **LINCC Catalog** to find out if the library has books about a specific career.

To reach the **LINCC Catalog**, visit the library home page ([www.mdc.edu/kendall/library](http://www.mdc.edu/kendall/library)).

Click *Find Books*, then click *Online Library Catalog (LINCC)*.

Perform a search using the name of the career and the words "vocational guidance." For example: **architecture and vocational guidance**.



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For additional information, try using search terms like **résumés, employment interviewing, and job hunting**.

### 2. Testing and Education Database

The library provides MDC students with 24/7 access to the *Testing and Education Reference Center Database*, which includes a **Career Tools** module. Here, you can research careers, take a personality assessment test, create a résumé, and get information on interviewing, salary negotiation, and more. You'll also find practice tests for the NCLEX, PRAXIS, and a number of civil service and military examinations.

To connect to this database:

1. Go to [www.mdc.edu/kendall/library](http://www.mdc.edu/kendall/library)
2. Click *Find Articles*
3. Click *LINCCWeb Databases*
4. Click *Databases A - Z*.
5. Log in with your **Borrower ID** (your MDC student number) and **PIN** (the last 4 digits of your MDC student number)
6. Scroll down to *Testing & Education Reference Center*
7. Once connected, look for the *Career Tools* column.

NOTE: To use some of this database's tools, you will be required to register by creating a free account.

### 3. Web Sites

Visit <http://delicious.com/mdcklibrary/careers> for links to several web sites on careers and job hunting.

Among the useful tools you'll find there is [Career Planning – Florida CHOICES \(FACTS.org\)](http://www.floridachoice.org), where you can assess your interests and abilities, and find information on hundreds of careers.

You'll also find other helpful sites such as [Mapping Your Future](http://www.mappingyourfuture.com), [CareerOneStop](http://www.careeronestop.com), [The Riley Guide](http://www.rileyguide.com), and [AfterCollege](http://www.aftercollege.com).



### Need More Help?

Librarians are available to assist you at the Kendall Campus Library Reference and Information Services Desk on the second floor of building 2. Feel free to visit us, or call (305) 237-2077 or (305) 237-2292.