Developing a Career Plan: Getting Ready



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Objectives



Provide information which allows you to understand:

1. Definitions and examples of a job, an

occupation and a career

- 2. Distinguish between a job, an occupation and a career
- 3. Steps in developing a career

ICE-BREAKER

- How do you put a giraffe in a refrigerator?
- Answer: Open the door and put him in
- •How do you put an elephant in a refrigerator?
- •Answer: Take out the giraffe and put in the elephant.
- •The Lion King is hosting a conference. All of the local animals are in attendance but one. Who is not present?

•Answer: The elephant, he is still in the refrigerator.

You are slated to be the final speaker at the conference. Unfortunately, to get there you have to swim a river inhabited by crocodiles. What do you do?
 Answer: You swim; all of the crocodiles are all ready at the conference.



What is a Job?

A job is a set of task and duties which are performed by a person who:

- Works for an employer
- Is self employed



It is also referred to as a specific position in which a person is employed in exchange for payment.

What is a Job? Cont'd

- Examples of jobs are:
- <u>Mathematics</u> Teacher
- <u>Apprentice</u> Mechanic
- <u>Retail Store</u> Manager
- Wholesale Operator
- Solar Panel Installer
- <u>Hydroponics</u> Farmer

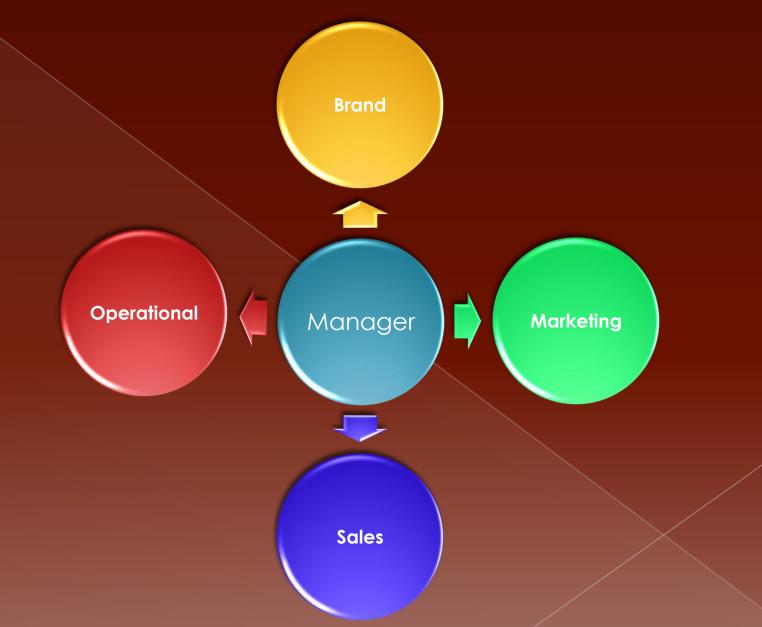
What is an Occupation?

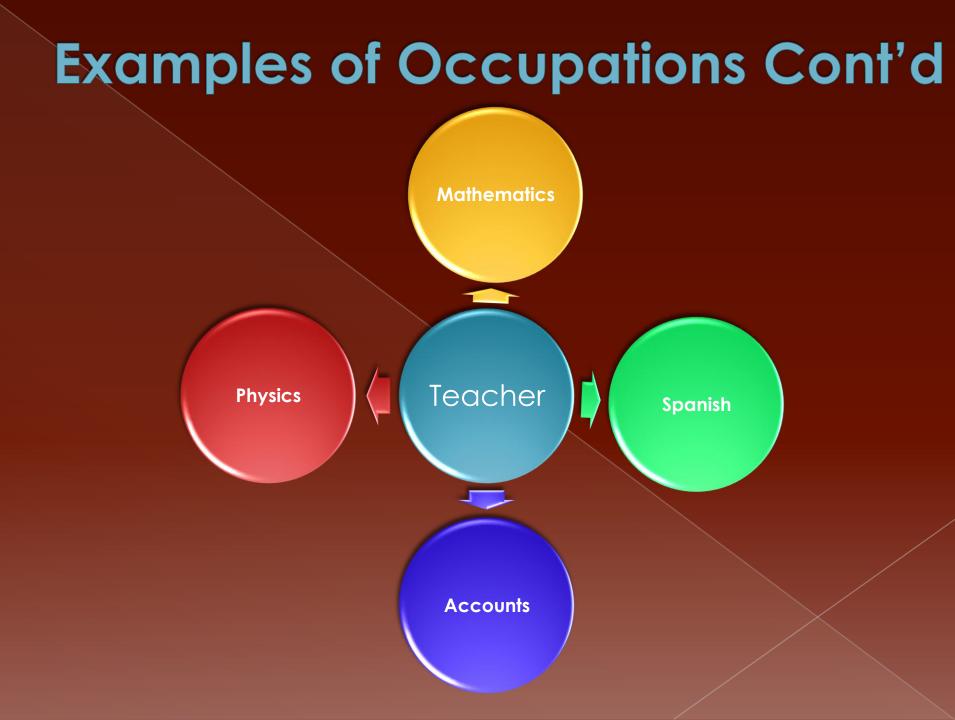
 Jobs are related to other types of jobs and form what is known as "job families".

 An occupation is a broader set of jobs whose main types of skills and responsibilities are similar.

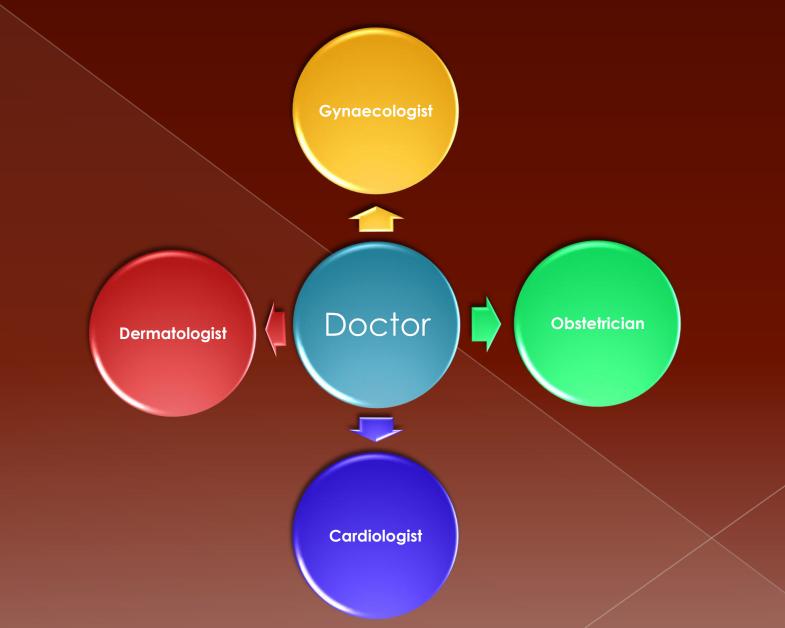


Examples of Occupations





Examples of Occupations Cont'd



Thinking Long term

 You may not consider your first job as a long term option but something that is done to earn money which you need immediately.













 You can acquire more long term benefits from a job by planning for your career.

- Long term benefits include:
- Longer periods of employment
- Higher wages
- More benefits for housing
- More benefits for health and medical care
- School fees for children
- Increase in the ability to shop for clothing, shoes etc.
- Vacation

CARJERER Cont'd

A career includes all the jobs, experiences, education and training which an individual receives within particular industry overtime.

Mapping Careers from Entry Level Jobs



SENIOR MANAGER

Master Degree with at least 5 years experiences.

> PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT LEVEL 2

3-5 years experience

EXCUTIVE CHEF

Bachelors Degree in culianary arts

RESEARCH CHEMIST BEAUTY PRODUCT DESIGNER

BSc in Chemistry or Comestic Science



ADMINISTRATOR

Minimum Qualifications Certificates/ Associate Degree/ Deploma

ACCOUNTANT TECHNICIAN LEVEL 3

Associate Degree and /or Goverment

LINE COOK

Level 1 Certificate in commercial food preperation

JUNIOR STYLIST

Cosmetplogy Level 4 Certificate at

PROFESSIONAL

JUNIOR MANAGER

First Degree orAssoc

iate Degree plus

3 years experience

BSc in Acounts

SOUS/COMMIS CHEF

Level 3 Certificate in

SENIOR STYLIST

Therapy Certificate

General Beauty

Level 4

Commercial Food

preperation

2-4 years experience

BEAUTY THERAPIST

Therapy Diploma

Bsc. Accounts

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

MSc. Accounts 10 years experience

EXECUTIVE CEO **Master degree with** atleast 5-10 years experience



DATA ENTRY CLERK

Qualification required five or more CXC Subjects

ACCOUNTANT TECHNICIAN LEVEL 1

Minimum requirements CXC Subjects

COOK

Minimum requirement CXC subjects

SHAMPOOIST

Minimum requirement CXC subjects

ACCOUNTANT

HEAD CHEF

Level 4 Certification

General Beauty

Examples of a Career 1

Intelligence Collection/Analysis

This field acquires skills in analysing, detecting and mitigating risks associated with cyber-crime. A wealth of knowledge was gainedby this individual who worked for eight (8) years in this field. His work began as a passion for video games, fixing computers and creating web pages. He is a graduate with a BSc. Degreein Management Information System.

Examples of a Career 2

Personal and Beauty Care

She has over 20 years of experience, and her first job involved caring for her sisters' natural hair. She became certified and expanded by developing her own natural hair products which is exported overseas.

Examples of a Career 3

Food Preparation and Cuisine

He always had a passion for cooking and food presentation and began at an early age to prepare meals for his family which they absolutely enjoyed. He pursued this area in high school where his group won an award for best tasting cultural food. He became certified as a Chef who is skilled in cooking Indonesian, German and Mexican cooking. He currently works in a five star hotel.

Activity # 1 and Clip



Which picture best describes you?



I have no idea what I want to do



I have started my Career Path

Four Main Steps to Developing a Career

Self Assessment Phase – get to know your preferences, values, interests and skills

Information Gathering Phase- research your areas of interest by using the Internet to locate career development information, attend workshops and read books.

Decision Making Phase- pursue training and education in your field of interest, volunteer in the area, obtain summer job, job shadowing etc.

> Action Phase- identify recruiting companies, improve your job network, submit applications for jobs.

Self Assessment

Interests – Activities you enjoy doing such as hobbies and subjects

Values – Things that are important to you. They motivate you

□ Skill – Your ability to do something well.

- > Communication Skills
- >Problem Solving/Creative Skills
- >Planning/Organising
- >Analytical/ Research Skills
- > Computer/Technical Skills



Can you think of any other skills?

Aptitude - <u>Artistic</u>

 Creative, Imaginative, talented, dramatic and expressive.



Subjects: Clothing & Textile, Music, Technical Drawing, Visual and Theatre Arts Related Jobs: Actor, Musician, Interior Decorator, Broadcasters, Animator, Graphic Designer

Aptitude - <u>Conventional</u>



- Prefers well-ordered environment arrange and record numbers and letter combinations. Most effective at well defined tasks.
 Subjects: Principles of Accounts, Principles of Business, Office Administration
- Related Jobs: Accountant, Sales Clerk, Librarian, Banker, Secretary, Receptionist

 Aptitude-<u>Investigative</u>
 Scientific oriented. Enjoys analytical research and mathematical activities. Se



mathematical activities. Seeks to learn the facts about something hidden, unique or complex.

Subjects: The Sciences, Mathematics, IT Related Jobs: Doctor, Forensic Scientist, Meteorologist, Researcher, Actuary

Aptitude-Realistic



 Active and enjoy manual activities such as buildings, mechanics, machinery. Enjoys working with plants and animals.
 Subjects: Building Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Agricultural Science, Physical Education and Sports

Related Jobs: Carpenter, Engineer, Mechanic, Gym Instructor, Pilot, Military, Electrician

<u> Aptitude – Social</u>



Subjects: Religious Education,
 Social Studies, English,
 Spanish, French, Human Biology,
 Home Economics

Related Jobs: Teacher, Nurse, Social Worker, Counsellor, Human Resource Officer, Linguist

 Aptitude <u>– Enterprising</u>
 Energetic, ambitious adventurous, sociable.
 They avoid routine activities and are effective public speakers.



Subjects: English Language, Principles of Business, Caribbean History

Related Jobs: Salespersons, Immigration/Customs Inspector, Chef/Head Cook

Activity # 2



Information Gathering



Research types of careers, jobs, responsibilities, associated qualifications and salaries.

- Research Methods: Books, Newspapers, Workshops, databases.
- ♦ Labour Market Information System (LMIS)
 > Labour Market Intelligence

Decision Making

Volunteering
Part Time Work
Internship
Summer Work

These helps to make "hands on" decisions on making career choice





Search for Hiring Employers
 Search Vacancies

 Classifieds
 Databases

 Network, attend career expos
 Prepare Application letters and attend interviews

For help and Information visit Labour Market Information Website www.lmis.gov.jm

