

CAREER PLANNING: DESIGNING & INITIATING A PLAN

Course 8200330: Computers and Business Skills

Benchmark: 09.04

Design and initiate a plan to facilitate growth and skills development related to anticipated job requirements and career expectations.

Sites do not typically break out career planning into a designing and implementing phase (as in Benchmark 09.04) and a refining and implementing phase (as in Benchmark 09.05). The sites listed below deal with career planning as a whole.

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org/>

Mapping Your Future is a national collaborative, public-service project of the financial aid industry - bringing together the expertise of the industry to provide free college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy services for students, families, and schools. The site has a tab for middle and high school students. It discusses career planning, selecting a school, and paying for a school.

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/career/students/planning_process.html

Bowling Green State University's Career Center (Bowling Green, OH) page on the Career Planning Process focuses on the Career Planning/Competency Model, which encourages individuals to explore and gather information that enables them to synthesize, gain competencies, make decisions, set goals and take action. The site advises that each individual varies in their progress through each of the stages. It also says that individuals may repeat all or parts of the career development process at various points throughout their lives as values, interests, abilities, and life circumstances change.

<http://www.careerplanner.com/default.htm>

This commercial site offers assistance with career planning (beginning with an online career test) for a fee. The site includes a number of good research articles.

<http://careerplanning.about.com/>

This site offers a wealth of information about career planning.

<http://www.princetonreview.com/cte/>

The Princeton Review (Princeton University, Princeton, NJ) provides help with career planning, including a career quiz.

<http://www.khake.com/page51.html>

The Vocational Information Center contains a huge compendium of sites related to career planning.

http://www.educause.edu/content.asp?page_id=10630&bhcp=1

This is a strong article about taking control of your career planning.