



Information for: The Accidental Careers Advisor

Do your students ask you questions like...

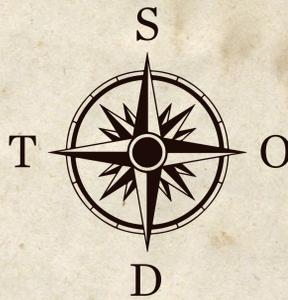
- What jobs does this degree lead to?
- Where can I find degree-related work?
- How can I find a professional placement?

5 ways to Respond

- Reassure** students that it is ok not know your career with certainty.
- Resource** your students - sign up for our monthly workshop posters and event updates. Ask about how we can resource you.
- Refer** students to the Career Counselling Hotline Monday - Friday, 10am - 1pm, **02 4736 0522**.
- Recommend** students get some sort of degree-related experience early in their student life.
- Read and research** for yourself - join our Graduate Employability page on Yammer. Check out our Staff pages at westernsydney.edu.au/careers.

Common myths about the world of work

- The earlier a person selects a steady career, the better - *Myth or Reality*
- There are many ways of finding out if a person might enjoy working in a particular occupation besides taking a job in that field - *Myth or Reality*
- Somewhere there is a test that can tell me what to do for the rest of my career - *Myth or Reality*
- During his/her lifetime, a person is likely to work in several different occupations - *Myth or Reality*
- The current job market determines what career a person should choose - *Myth or Reality*
- The majority of job seekers find jobs through word of mouth - *Myth or Reality*
- Changing careers indicates there is something "wrong" about a person - *Myth or Reality*
- There is no job security anymore - *Myth or Reality*



Provide direction with DOTS Model

	Questions/Statements	Strategies/Activities to assist
S elf Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → I don't know if I am in the right degree → I'm not enjoying my degree → I don't know what I want to do → I want to do additional study but I'm not sure what 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Skills/Interest Audit → Harrison Assessment → MyFuture Exploration
O pportunity Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → I don't know what job I can do with my course → I know what I want to do but don't know how to get there - or what course to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → MyFuture Exploration → SEEK → Google 'Careers in (your degree area)...' → Refer to Where Graduates Go
D ecision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → I've never had a job but I need one → I need some part time work → I need to get some degree-related experience 	<p>Help them to test their decisions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Conducting Information Interviews → Volunteering → Joining a Student Club → Internships → Part time work → Joining a Professional Association
T ransition Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → I don't know how to find work → I don't know how to start the application process → I need to update my resume → I want to apply for an internship → I want to apply for a graduate position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Register with Careers → Attend careers workshops → View resources on the University website → Improve your job seeking tools → Seek advice using the Careers Hotline

Know the RRRRR's

Most Treasured Resources and Services

- CareerHub job vacancies
- Resume resources and online reviews
- DIY Work Experience Guide
- Degree specific brochures
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