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4 Career Guidance

The Seminole Community College Career Development Center offers access to an electronic career guidance system, **Choices Planner**, which you can use to do extensive career exploration. **Choices Planner** is accessible through the Internet.

Many people view this electronic career guidance system with very unrealistic expectations. The computer and software are simply tools that can help you search through large amounts of information very quickly. For example, you can input information about your preferences in a career or college. The computer will then use your preferences to search through hundreds of careers or colleges, quickly giving you a list of those that match your preferences. Of course you could do the same thing by searching through books, pamphlets, periodicals, or files; but it would take hours to do what the computer can do in seconds.

The computer CAN GIVE you a large number of **OPTIONS** to consider as you explore the world-of-work.

Choices Planner CANNOT tell you what career or educational major you should choose. It CANNOT analyze options and make complex decisions, which is exactly what is involved in making a career choice or in deciding which major to study. **Choices Planner** is a research tool that provides information and lists of options for your consideration.

Login Instructions

- For First Time Users needing to register:
 1. Go to **www.florida.access.bridges.com**
In the **Adults section**, click **Create a new portfolio.**
 2. Select the name of your **county.**
 3. Select the name of your **school or agency.**
 4. Fill in the information as requested to create a portfolio.
 5. Now you can explore the inventories and other resources offered by **Choices Planner.**

- Returning Users who are previously registered:
 1. Choose **Sign In,** under **Adults and Postsecondary**
 2. Enter your **Portfolio Name** and **Password.**

After completing this exercise you may want to contact the faculty or counselor who assigned this activity to discuss the results.