

Coastal Plains Education Charter High School Tools For College (updated July 2017)

I. Access your Georgia Career Information System Account

- <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu/>
- If you do not have an account, your Career Specialist can create one for you.
- User name: firstnamelastname. EXAMPLE: johndoe Initial Password: Password1

II. **User Name:** _____ **Password:** _____

III. **Interest Profiler.** Go to GCIS link [HERE](#). Complete the interest inventory, and list your top 3 types of interests, along with the score for each.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What qualities about yourself do you think produced these cluster results?

IV. **Using Your Interests to Explore Occupations.** Explore the top three interest area **links** to find a total of **6 Occupations/Careers that you might like**. Record some basic information about any six of the careers that appear.

Job #1

Career	
Education Level:	
Annual Salary	
Aspects of this job that look Interesting...	
Aspects of this job that might not be so fun....	

Job #2

Career	
Education Level:	
Annual Salary	
Aspects of this job that look Interesting...	
Aspects of this job that might not be so fun....	

Job #3

Career	
Education Level:	
Annual Salary	
Aspects of this job that look Interesting...	
Aspects of this job that might not be so fun....	

Job #4

Career	
Education Level:	
Annual Salary	
Aspects of this job that look Interesting...	
Aspects of this job that might not be so fun....	

Job #5

Career	
Education Level:	
Annual Salary	
Aspects of this job that look Interesting...	
Aspects of this job that might not be so fun....	

Job #6

Career	
Education Level:	
Annual Salary	
Aspects of this job that look Interesting...	
Aspects of this job that might not be so fun....	

V. Occupation Filter. Go to GCIS link [HERE](#) and provide a little more information about your ideal level of education and income.

Having this additional information, what are the three occupations listed that seem MOST interesting to you?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What aspects of these careers do you think are attracting you the most?

Would it make a difference if the income level of these was different (would some careers seem more appealing if they paid more)?

Would it make a difference if the level of education required was different?

VI. “College Credit Now”

Read about the new Move On When Ready program [HERE](#). This program allows high school students to earn college credit FOR FREE!

Do you think this is a program you would be interested in exploring? Why or why not? What areas of study or colleges might be a good fit for you (think about the careers that you explored above)?

VII. Programs of Study/Majors

Based on your Career Exploration, find two programs of Study/Majors you might consider [HERE](#) and list them below:

#1 _____

#2 _____

VIII. 3 Colleges/Post-Secondary Schools. Within each program of study/major, GCIS lists some schools where you might consider studying. Explore Programs at three different schools (Begin by looking under “Topics” and “Related Information” headings on the left side of the screen).

	School #1	School #2	School #3
Program			
Typical Coursework			
In State Tuition			
School Contact Information (address, phone #)			
School Webpage			

IX. Identify Your Next Steps

- A. What is your target date for graduation? How many credits (Carnegie Units) do you currently have?
- B. What skills do you currently have that you believe will help you in a career field that you identified above?
- C. What skills or knowledge do you still need to develop for success in that field?
- D. Would you like to job-shadow someone locally who has that career, or find an internship in that area?
- E. What are your thoughts about going to school for the time required for this career? Is it something you could manage?
- F. What school(s) are you most interested in attending? What do you need to apply for this school (you may need to check the school’s website or discuss this with

your Career Specialist)? Have you looked at requirements for completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that all students must complete prior to college admission?

G. What entrance exam(s) does this school require? Have you taken it, or registered to take it?

H. What other help do you need in pursuing this career/education goal?

X. Reality Check

Visit the “Reality Check” Calculator [HERE](#) and respond to the questions asked about your spending habits and lifestyle plans.

How much would you need to make per hour to support this lifestyle?

How much per week?

What level of education does the website indicate is necessary to earn this much?

What are five ways you imagine your needs will be different at age 30 than they are now?