

## Online Resources of Interest – Career and Postsecondary Exploration

*Many of the sites below include easily accessible videos of people talking about their careers! Great opportunities for online exploration and interaction with students in a computer lab!*

[www.pacareerstandards.org](http://www.pacareerstandards.org) – PA website for career development and the CEW Standards

[www.paworkforce.state.pa.us](http://www.paworkforce.state.pa.us) – PA workforce website (labor market data, high-priority occupations, etc.)

[www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org) – O\*NET-related, up-to-date, and user-friendly career exploration site

[www.pasca-web.org](http://www.pasca-web.org) – PA. School Counselors site, with PA. Companion Guide and Tools

[www.pacareerzone.com](http://www.pacareerzone.com) – PA Department of Education-recommended career exploration site- Free! Includes three major pieces: “Assess Yourself,” “Explore Job Families,” and “Budget Your Life.”

<http://gettingthemthere.com> – Great information regarding interests and preference assessments and resources to prepare high school students for post-secondary education.

[www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org) – PHEAA-sponsored site, with career exploration, college matching, postsecondary exploration – interactive, with links to O\*NET and numerous other resources, including checklists for what to look for in a postsecondary institution,

[www.tryengineering.org](http://www.tryengineering.org) – Lots of great information about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). What does it take to become an engineer? All the information needed is right there. You’ll also find lesson plans, descriptions of different types of engineering, etc.

[www.tryscience.org](http://www.tryscience.org) – A gateway to experience the excitement of contemporary science and technology through on and offline interactivity with science and technology centers worldwide.

[www.careercornerstone.org](http://www.careercornerstone.org) – Sloan Career Cornerstone Center – features career exploration for careers in STEM, Computing, and Healthcare. Explore over 185 degree fields and find out about education requirements, salaries, networking, precollege ideas, and career planning resources. Browse interviews with hundreds of professionals who offer candid insight into their own diverse careers. Most resources are also as PowerPoint presentations and podcasts.

[www.careertech.org](http://www.careertech.org) - Nationwide, Career Technical Education (CTE) programs are changing, evolving and innovating to better serve the country’s needs. CTE is preparing students of all ages to help drive America’s success and vitality. Further, it is creating an educational environment that integrates core academics with real-world relevance. CTE is leading this change, transforming expectations and making a difference for students, for secondary and postsecondary schools, for businesses and industry—for America.

**For information related to financing postsecondary education and training, please consider becoming familiar with, and sharing with youth, the following sites:**

- [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) – includes free scholarship search
- [www.youcandealwithit.com](http://www.youcandealwithit.com)
- [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov) – general financial aid info
- [www.direct.ed.gov](http://www.direct.ed.gov) – information on federal loans