

Facilitator Version - Internet Resource Overview

Oscar...the Occupation and Skill Computer-Assisted Researcher: www.ioscar.org/tx/oscar.asp

This site provides the option of taking a “quick trip” or a “full flight” depending on how much time user has. Both touch upon different search categories and can benefit the user in different areas of interest, so encourage them to utilize both.

The quick trip takes approximately 30 minutes. In it, they have the option of finding occupational matches based on their work values or based on their current/recent job experiences. There is also an option to combine both of these features to further filter their job list.

The full flight is most beneficial when the user has more than 30 minutes of time to dedicate or has previously used Oscar. Full flight shows the user a list of in-depth skills necessary or useful for the chosen occupation. Skills may include: education level, knowledge and/or abilities.

Career Management International: www.cmi-lmi.com/kingdomality.html

Kingdomality provides a story-like account of how personality contributes to the workforce. It offers the user to complete a personality preference profile by ranking items in order of importance to them. At the end, it produces a paragraph about the user’s personality based on the answers given.

California Reality Check: www.californiarealitycheck.com/start_text.htm

California Reality Check offers 3 categories for resources: Get a Reality Check, Future Salary, and Occupation Direct.

Get a Reality Check allows the user to estimate their monthly costs based on their personal lifestyle using realistic pricing. It totals expenses such as housing, utilities, food, health care, transportation, travel, miscellaneous, and savings. Once the questions are completed, it will provide the user with the yearly salary they have to obtain if they wanted to maintain that lifestyle.

In Future Salary, the user enters the yearly salary they wish to make. The site directs the user to a page where they can choose an education level and check desired occupational categories from a list given. Then, the user can click next and the search will narrow into only those occupations that fit the salary, education, and occupational category.

Occupation Direct can be used if the user knows the occupation they desire to obtain. It will show the average salary of that occupation with estimated taxes and the amount of money they will receive after taxes have been taken out. Then the user will choose an area to live in, how much money they want to save, housing preferences, food, transportation, clothing, health care, miscellaneous, and travel. The site calculates the remaining balance or deficit after all of the expenses have been deducted from the salary. There is also an option to calculate family plans.

FAME-Get a Life: <http://www.famemaine.com/files/StaticPages/General/GetALife/GetALife.html>

This is a game where the user can pick or spin for a career. A monthly salary will appear with taxes and student loan payments deducted. Then, the user can select monthly expenses based on salary and personal preferences. If the expenses are higher than the salary, the user will be asked to change their monthly expenses in order to ensure the user is not in debt.

Imaginon- The Joe & Joan Martin Center: www.imaginon.org/fun/whippingboy/createacoatofarms.asp

The purpose of this site is to make a coat of arms. The site has questions that the user answers, and each answer has a different meaning. For example, choosing blue for your shield symbolizes truth and loyalty. When the user finishes all the questions, the site provides a description for their Coat of Arms based on their answers.