

Discover a Career You'll Love!

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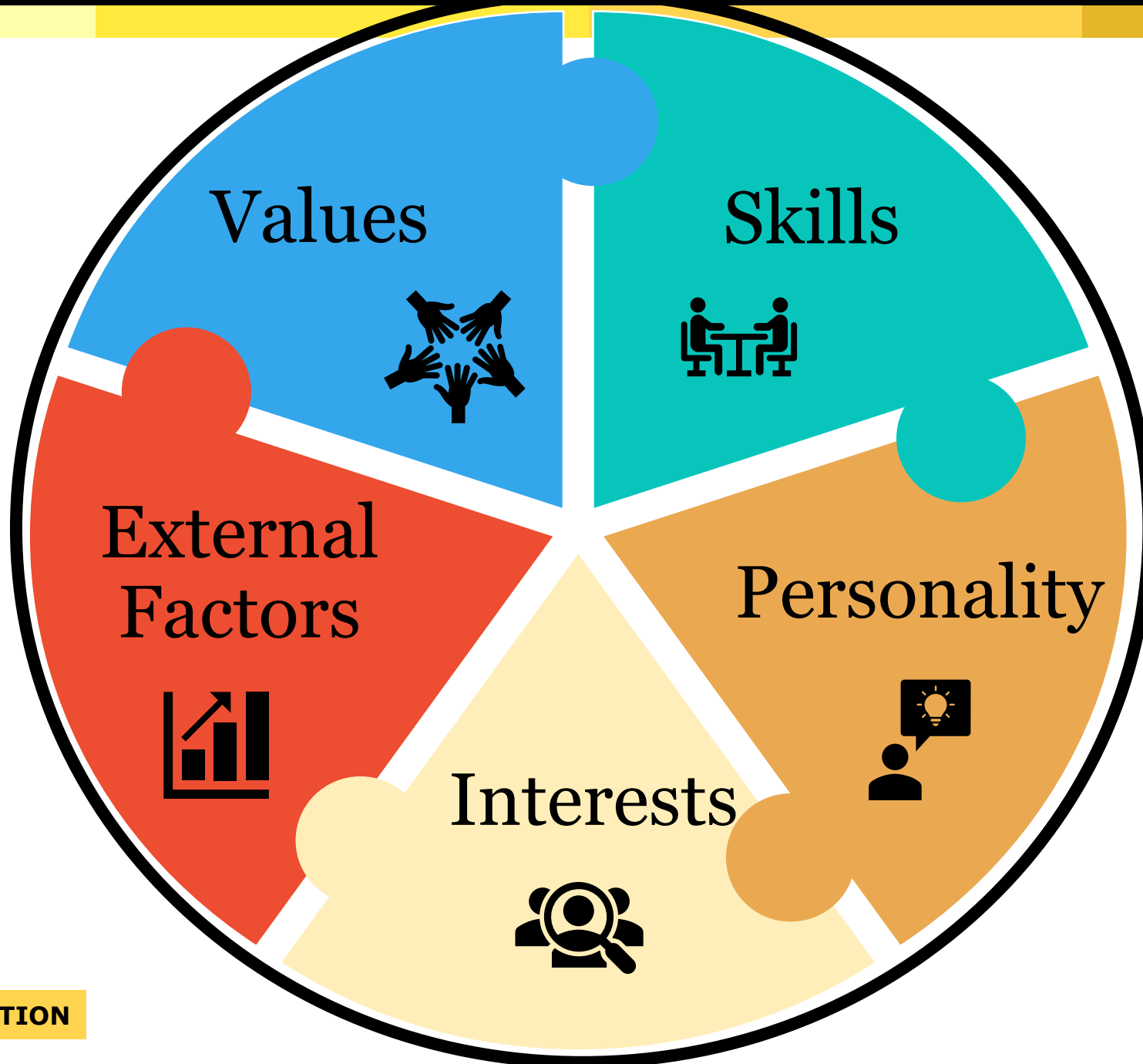
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I acknowledge that I am a white settler on this land. I live and work on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. Both my home and my employer are situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometres on each side of the Grand River. I share this land acknowledgement knowing that it does not undo the injustices faced by indigenous peoples historically and ongoing. I share it in an effort to showcase my deep respect for and commitment to learning, unlearning and reconciliation.

To learn more about the University of Waterloo's active work towards reconciliation please visit the [Office of Indigenous Relations](#).





Learning outcomes

- Discover your key interest motivators for work activities
- Identify work environments that will motivate you, and those that may not
- Identify 3-5 career options that align with your interests

About you...

Interests assist with

- Career planning
- Résumé, cover letter and work search
- Branding
- Interviews

Interests self-assessment

- How was the experience of completing your interest assessment booklet?
- What were your top 3 results?

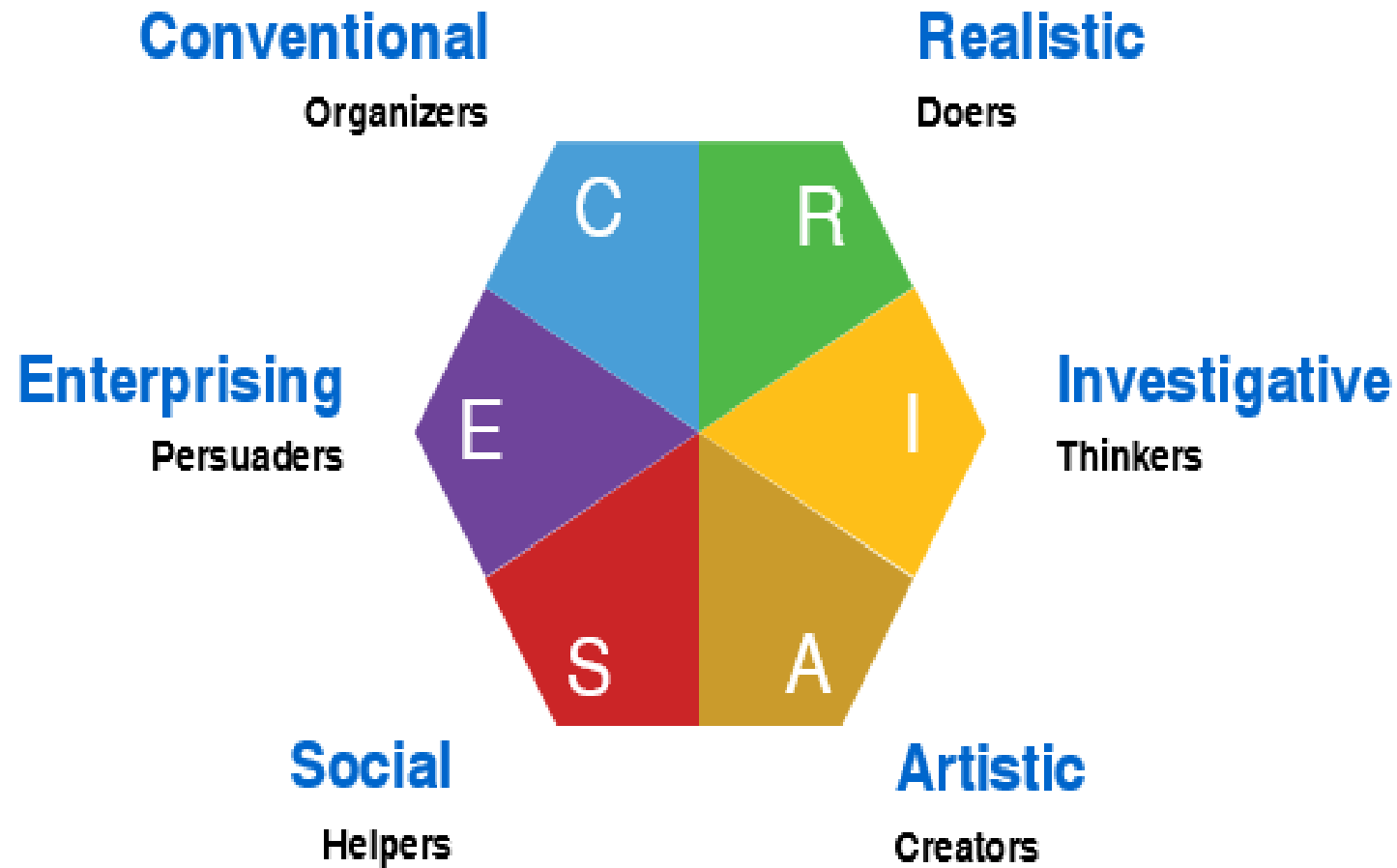
So, what does it all mean?



6 Themes:

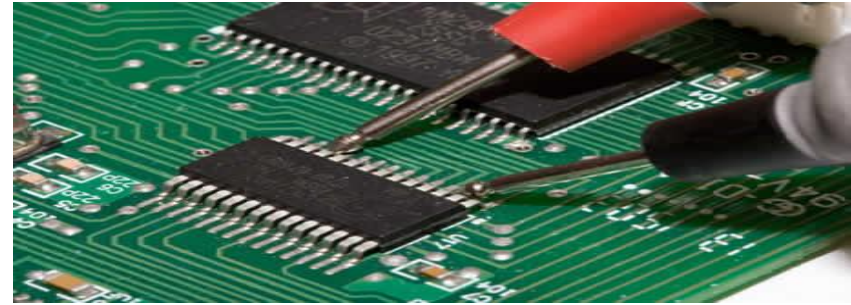
- The “Doers”
 - The “Analyzers”
 - The “Creators”
 - The “Helpers”
 - The “Persuaders”
 - The “Organizers”
- **REALISTIC**
 - **INVESTIGATIVE**
 - **ARTISTIC**
 - **SOCIAL**
 - **ENTERPRISING**
 - **CONVENTIONAL**

6 Themes:



Realistic — The “Doers”

- **Realistic people like:**
 - Solving concrete problems
 - Producing tangible results
 - Finding solutions to mechanical problems
 - Using tools/heavy equipment
 - Building things
 - The outdoors
 - Working by themselves



- **Productive in work environments that are:**
 - Organized/structured
 - Clear in lines of authority
 - Stable
 - Outdoors
 - Product driven
 - Physical

Investigative — The “Thinkers”

- **Investigative people like:**

- Conducting research
- Solving complex problems
- Performing intellectually challenging tasks
- Theoretical models
- Teaching
- New ideas
- Working independently

- **Productive in work environments that are:**

- Research-oriented
- Scientific
- Intellectual/academic
- Unstructured
- Indoors



Artistic — The “Creators”

- **Artistic people like:**
 - Conceptualizing
 - Expressing individuality
 - Writing/Composing/Performing
 - Designing
 - Working independently
- **Productive in environments that are:**
 - Self-Expressive
 - Flexible
 - Aesthetic
 - Idealistic
 - Unstructured



Career Motivator:
expressing creativity

Social — The “Helpers”

- **Social people like:**
 - Helping
 - Encouraging
 - Teaching
 - Counselling/Guiding
 - Working collaboratively
- **Productive in environments that are:**
 - Supportive
 - Cooperative
 - Idealistic
 - Relationship-based



Career Motivator:
helping others

Enterprising — The “Persuaders”



Career Motivator:
persuading and influencing

Enterprising people like:

- Debating ideas
- Selling
- Managing people and projects
- Taking risks
- Discussing business

Productive in environments that are:

- Competitive
- Fast-paced
- Entrepreneurial
- Profit-oriented

Conventional — The “Organizers”

- **Conventional people like:**
- Organizing information and details
- Writing reports
- Operating computers
- Managing data
- Making charts and graphs

Productive in environments that are:

Structured

Organized

Practical

Hierarchical



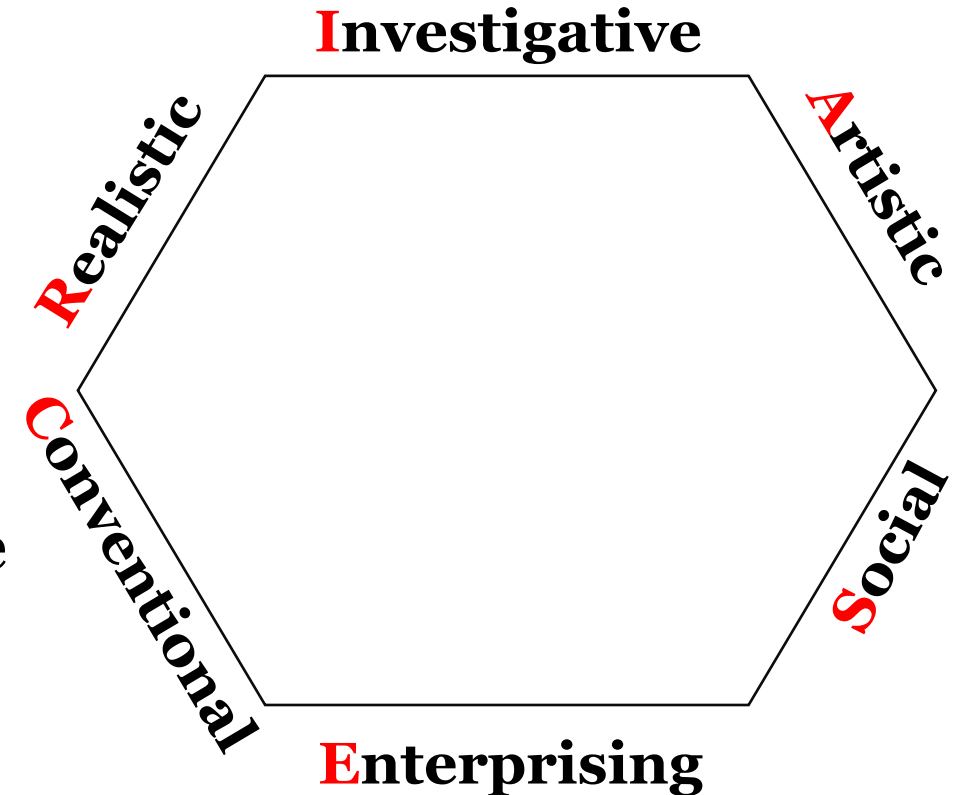
Career Motivator:
organizing

What are your key motivators?

- Which two or three themes seem to describe you the most?
- Do one or two of these seem more like you than the other one or two of these three themes?
- Write down your responses in the handout

The Six Personality Types

- **Consistency:** how compatible a person's predominant trait is with second and third trait.
- **Differentiation:** how strongly one trait is preferred over the others.
- **Congruence:** match between a person's type and their work setting.



Interest contradiction?

- May choose one area of interest for your work goals, and another for your leisure
- Can perform job activities associated with one theme and work in an environment of another theme
- Create or mold a job to fit
- Periodically change careers

Small Group Discussion—Breakout Rooms

- How are your highest Interest themes present in your life now?
- Are any missing that you could activate?
- Which ones represent current or potential work-related interests?
- Where does your hobby or dream job you wrote down fit?

Life is more than just work!



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Q dental assistant

Examples: 25-1011.00, dental assistant

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All Occupations

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Job Duties

Related Activities

Soft Skills

Technology Skills

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Abilities

Interests

Knowledge

Skills (Basic)

Skills (Cross-Functional)

Work Activities

Work Context



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Browse by O*NET Data

O*NET Data descriptors are categories of occupational information collected and available for O*NET-SOC occupations. Each descriptor contains more specific elements with data ratings.

Interests

Interests

Preferences for work environments and outcomes.

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Realistic — Realistic occupations frequently involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They often deal with plants, animals, and real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery. Many of the occupations require working outside, and do not involve a lot of paperwork or working closely with others.

Investigative — Investigative occupations frequently involve working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking. These occupations can involve searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.

Artistic — Artistic occupations frequently involve working with forms, designs and patterns. They often require self-expression and the work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

Social — Social occupations frequently involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. These occupations often involve helping or providing service to others.

Enterprising — Enterprising occupations frequently involve starting up and carrying out projects. These occupations can involve leading people and making many decisions. Sometimes they require risk taking and often deal with business.

Conventional — Conventional occupations frequently involve following set procedures and routines. These occupations can include working with data and details more than with ideas. Usually there is a clear line of authority to follow.

Interests Search for:

Artistic, Social [Save Table \(XLS/CSV\)](#)

Selected occupations matching your chosen interest areas are displayed below. Occupations are sorted by [Job Zone](#), to help you find occupations that match your current or expected level of education, training, and experience.



Have a three-letter interest code? You can focus your search by choosing up to three interest areas, to see the occupations which match your choices.

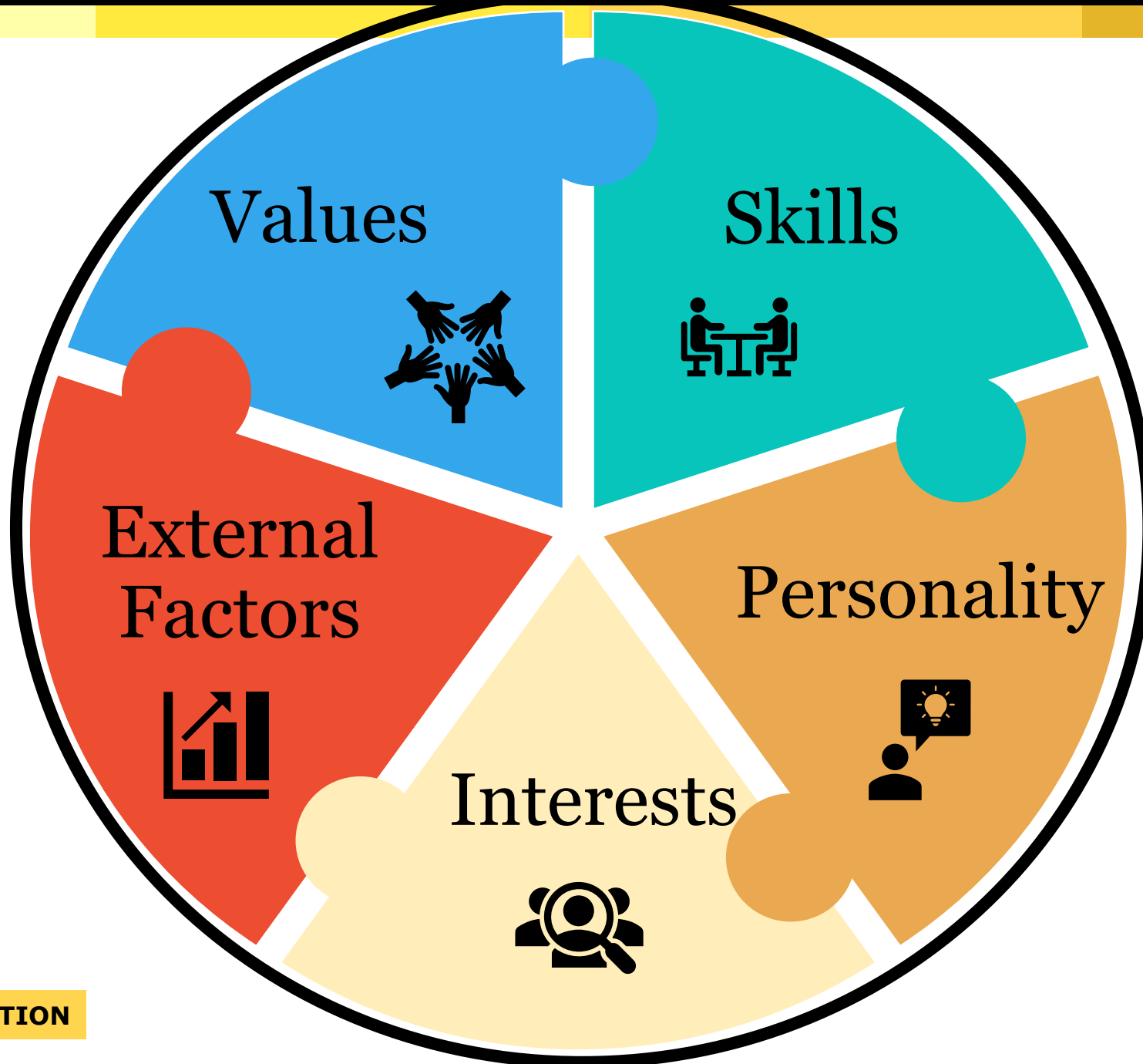
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You have chosen: AS

52 occupations displayed.

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SA	2	39-9011.00	Childcare Workers  Bright Outlook
SA	2	39-9011.01	Nannies 
AS	3	39-5012.00	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists
AS	3	27-2042.00	Musicians and Singers
SA	3	25-2011.00	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education
SA	3	25-3021.00	Self-Enrichment Teachers 
AS	4	27-3011.00	Broadcast Announcers and Radio Disc Jockeys
AS	4	27-2032.00	Choreographers 
AS	4	27-3091.00	Interpreters and Translators 
AS	4	27-2041.00	Music Directors and Composers
AS	4	27-2012.00	Producers and Directors 
AS	4	27-3031.00	Public Relations Specialists 
SA	4	25-3011.00	Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, and English as a Second Language Instructors
SA	4	25-2023.00	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Middle School
SA	4	25-2021.00	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education 
SA	4	25-2012.00	Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education
SA	4	25-2022.00	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education



Other interests assessments

- TypeFocus (access code: uw74)

[typefocus.com](https://www.typefocus.com)

- Career Cruising (username: uwaterloo - password: crc)

[careercruising.com](https://www.careercruising.com)

Sustainable Development Goals



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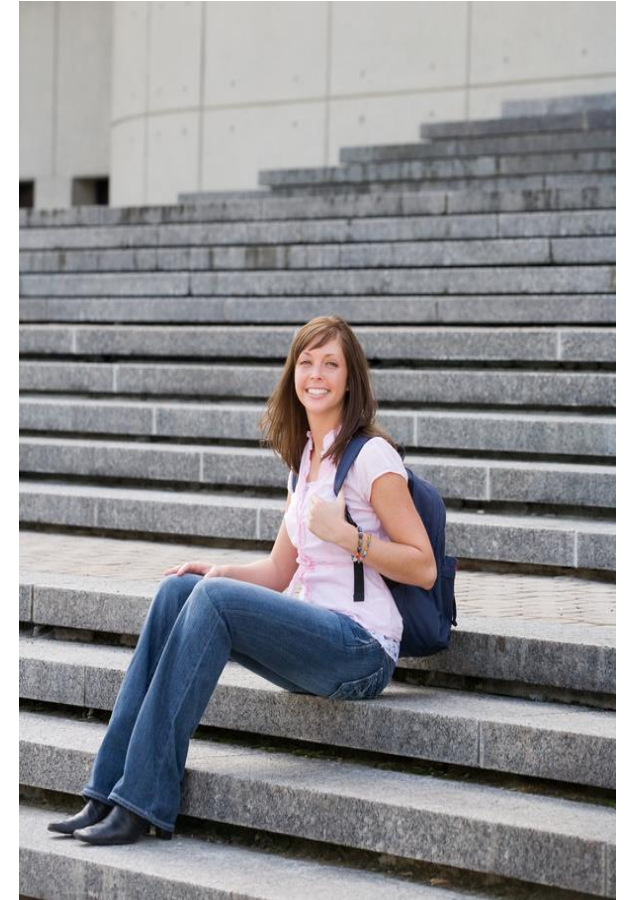
**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Centre for Career Action supports the Sustainable Development Goals

CCA is here for you

Next step? Figure out the rest of the puzzle!

- Register and attend the Fundamental workshops
 - Mapping out Your Career
 - Career Matchmaking: Personality and Your Career
 - Skills to Build Your Career on
- Book a Career Planning appointment





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Cover Letter
Interview Prep
Career Exploration
Grad School Prep**



**Individual Appointments
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