

Me and A Career

The purpose of this exploration is to discover which personality traits and qualifications you have that will help you achieve your career goals.

Chose one of the following projects to complete:

- Find a career that might be of interest to you. Determine the qualifications for this career using a resource such as the Occupational Outlook Handbook (available at <http://stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm>). Compare your interests and qualifications to what is required for this job. Write what you would have to do to become successful in this career.
- Find out about the careers of people in the Genesis mission by reading interviews (available at <http://www.genesismission.org/people/index.html>). Compare and contrast the personalities and qualifications of several of these people by reading their responses to the questions about career paths and education, and about surprises in education and career histories. Organize the comparisons and contrasts in a chart. Now compare yourself to these people by highlighting those personality traits and qualifications you share with them.
- List your own strengths, personality characteristics, and interests. Use references such as the Occupational Outlook Handbook (available at <http://stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm>) to find out the qualifications and requirements for a career you are interested in. List what you must do to continue to build your skills so that this career will be available to you when you are ready for a full-time job.
- Read short biographies of several women working for NASA (available at <http://quest.arc.nasa.gov/women/WON.html> or <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/tours/women/>). Write a short summary of the career highlights of these women and include some of the obstacles they overcame. Tell how they overcame the obstacles in order to be successful. Indicate which of these obstacles you are most likely to face in your path to a career.