



# Choosing a Major: How Can Waubonsee Help?

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**Accounting**

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**Business**

**Administration**

**Nursing**

**English**

**Political Science**

**Computer**

**Science**

**Engineering**

## What is a College Major?

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A specific area of study that requires a group of courses selected by the college in order to receive a degree.

College majors often prepare students to embark on a career in that specified field of study.

The specific area of study will help students prepare to enter a career path. Some examples are Nursing and Education, among others.



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# A College Major IS NOT:

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- Your Identity
- ONE and DONE Career Path
- What OTHERS THINK you should be/study



# What is an Academic Degree?

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An academic degree is a qualification awarded to students upon successful completion of a course of study in higher education, usually at a college or university.

Examples:

- Certificates (less than 2 years)
- Associates (2 years)
- Bachelors (4 years)
- Masters (2-3 years)





# Career and Degree Options at WCC

## Occupational (AAS, Certificate)

- Prepare students for specific careers/occupations
- Learn specific technical skills needed for future career options
- Ex., Accounting, Automotive Technology, Welding, Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice

## Transfer

- Take courses in a wide variety of subjects
- Gaining surface knowledge in several areas of study, but not technical skill focused
- Range of career / degree options



# What is a Career?

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**Accountant**

**Graphic Designer**

**Teacher**

**Welder**

**Web Developer**

**Social Worker**

**Computer Analyst**

**Civil Engineer**

**Social Media Manager**

A career means you stay in the same type of work. A career can be one job or many jobs.

You can work for one company or many companies. A career is sometimes called a "career path."

A career includes education, training, and work experience. In a career, you need to think about how you can grow in your job or move into another job.

<https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/mymncareers/english-learner/what-is-a-career.html>

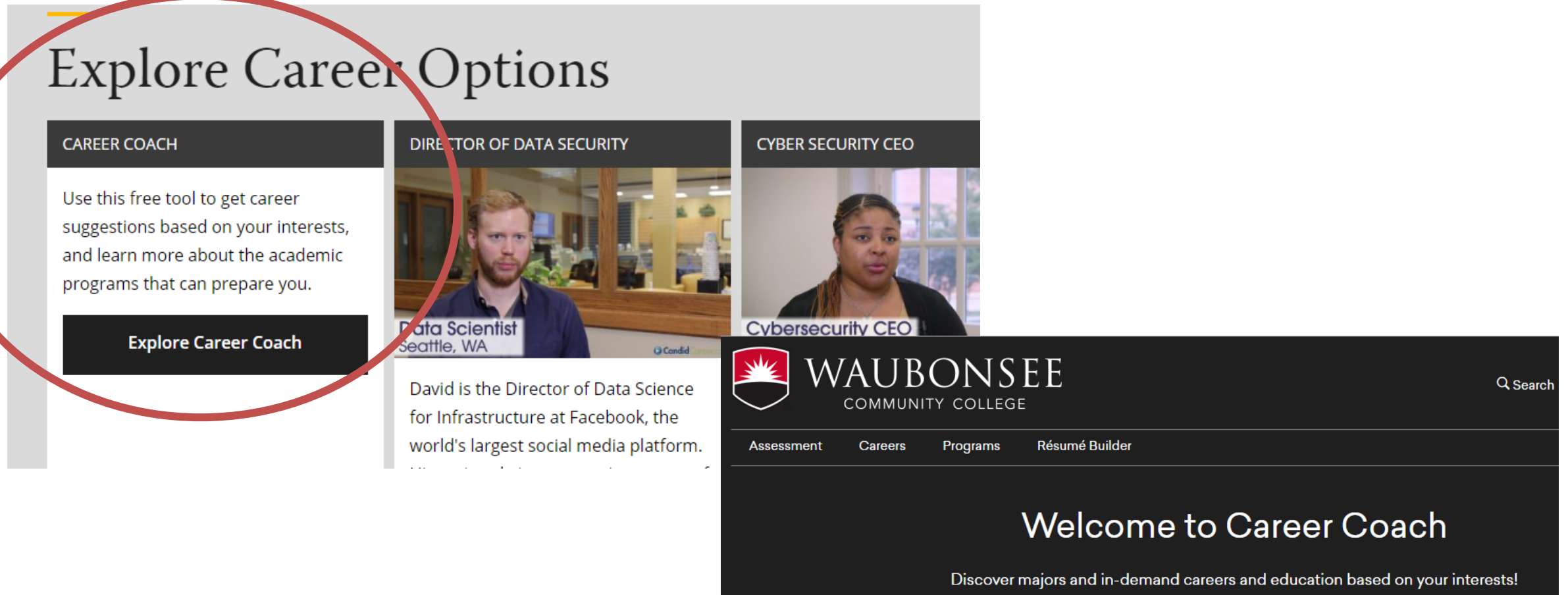


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# CAREER COACH

Discover and prepare for a career based on your interests and skills

[www.waubonsee.edu/careerdevelopment](http://www.waubonsee.edu/careerdevelopment)



**Explore Career Options**

**CAREER COACH**

Use this free tool to get career suggestions based on your interests, and learn more about the academic programs that can prepare you.

**Explore Career Coach**

**DIRECTOR OF DATA SECURITY**

**CYBER SECURITY CEO**

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Assessment Careers Programs Résumé Builder

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# Welcome to Career Coach

Discover majors and in-demand careers and education based on your interests!

## UNDECIDED

- help narrow down career

## MAJOR SELECTED

- Uncertain of career options or pathway

## VETERAN

- Enter occupation code to match to program at Waubonsee

Must have an account and a profile to use the resume builder





# LET'S BEGIN!



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# Assessment

Progress



## Select your assessment

We'll help you find out what your interests are and how they relate to the world of work.

Quick Start Assessment

6 questions

Standard Assessment

30 questions

Detailed Assessment

60 questions

**TIPS!** Assessment – NOT a test! Will make suggestions based upon interests/likes.  
Avoid selecting 'Unsure'



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Progress



## Don't worry about...



If you have enough education or training to do the work.



How much money you would make doing the work.

Continue



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## Things to consider

1. Follow the New User Assessment sheet and take the assessment

Your top 3 traits are...

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2. Click on 'View Career Matches' and select one of the areas (doesn't have to be the top one), and select one of next career areas offered

3. Take note of the Median Salary and Entry-level Education\*

4. 'Save' one of the careers to your profile

5. Check out the 'Sort By' under Career Filters on the right side. Change your order to 'Salary'

6. Click on the Career Title at the top of the list

7. Under 'Available Programs', **click on the degree program in red**







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## Psychology

♡ Save

Associate in Arts - Transfer Degree Pathway

We're glad you've found the program you wish to pursue!

In case you're interested in further exploration, use the links below to get more information about this program.

View Program Info

Tuition Info

Start Application



# Making a decision

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The selection of a major and a career is one of the most important decisions in the life of a student.

To figure which career is the best fit for you, is a difficult and personal decision.

Personal, because no one can make this decision for you.



# How does Waubonsee help students choose a major?

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Professional counselors offer guidance and support for those navigating the career exploration process. Meet one-on-one with a counselor to discuss a variety of issues including:

- Choosing a major/career path
- Career assessments
- Educational planning
- Career information resources
- Career change
- Goal setting
- Job loss/unemployment

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Along with career counseling, we also offer a course:

## COL 131: Strategies for Career Exploration

This career exploration course is designed to help people make career decisions based on in-depth personal assessment including career interests, personality type and values inventories. Key components of the career development process as well as navigating occupational information through social media and career networks are emphasized.



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# Any Questions?

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