



## How to start:

Log on to MCIS from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation's

Web site, [www.SmartAboutCollege.org](http://www.SmartAboutCollege.org)

## Section 2: Identifying an Occupation That Fits

It's important to have a realistic vision of what will be expected of you in your chosen occupation.

Use the Occupations, Occupation Sort and Occupation Compare functions of MCIS to research work activities, work conditions, physical demands, skills and abilities, knowledge, preparation, wages and more for more than 500 occupations.

Under the MCIS "Reality Check" tab, find out how your perceptions about the cost of living stack up against reality. Learn how much money you will likely earn in your chosen occupation. Then, by answering a series of questions about the lifestyle you anticipate attaining, the computer application compares how your wages stand up against expenses ranging from rent to medical insurance.

Once you have narrowed down your list of careers, talk to someone working in your occupation of choice or take some time to job shadow. The more information you gather up front, the greater your chances of finding a good career fit.

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