

# Where Do I Start If Considering a Nontraditional Career?



**Step One:** Determine what it costs to live in your community.

Check out these websites to learn more:

[www.jobsnowcoalition.org/calculator/calculator.html](http://www.jobsnowcoalition.org/calculator/calculator.html)

<http://mn.gov/deed/data-tools/col/>



**Step Two:** Take some online assessments to discover what you may be good at and what may interest you:

[www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip](http://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip)



**Step Three:** Learn about careers at:

<http://mn.gov/deed/data/data-tools/career-profile/>

**Remember to review things like:**

Pay – Consider your cost of living from Step 1.

Outlook – What are the opportunities and growth for this career in the future?

Tasks – Do I like the tasks required for this job?



**Step Four:** Make a plan and get trained.

Find a college or university that has the training you need:

[www.mnscu.edu](http://www.mnscu.edu)

**Learn more about the apprenticeship options:**

Labor Unions: [www.constructioncareers.org](http://www.constructioncareers.org)

Colleges: [www.mnamp.net](http://www.mnamp.net)

**Concerned about how to pay for college:**

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (free application for federal student aid)