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# 11 Researching Academic Majors

There are many things to consider when choosing a college to transfer to after leaving SCC. Location and cost are often two major factors. You might want to consider the college's national ranking with relationship to the degree you are seeking. This ranking could affect your ability to transition to your employer of choice. In addition, you should consider the importance of obtaining your degree from a **regionally accredited** institution. Credits readily transfer among these accredited institutions, and all employers accept the degrees that are awarded from **regionally accredited** institutions as valid. Still another item for consideration might be the required achievement level on an entrance exam and GPA in order to not only gain admission to the university, but also to gain acceptance into your desired program. Complete this form to evaluate your college options.

## Major 1/CareerChoice \_\_\_\_\_

College/Regional Accreditation	Location	Req. Tests/ Scores	Req. GPA	Annual Cost	Program Profess. Accred.
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## Major 2/Career Choice \_\_\_\_\_

College/Regional Accreditation	Location	Req. Tests/ Scores	Req. GPA	Annual Cost	Program Profess. Accred.
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## Major 3/Career Choice \_\_\_\_\_

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After you have completed researching academic majors using the resources in the Career Development Center, it might be necessary to do additional research by making calls to some of the colleges and universities to ask specific questions about their programs and admissions. Below is a list of questions for you to consider. They may not all be appropriate to your situation and there could be other questions you want answered.

1. Is the program limited access?
2. If the program is limited access, what are the qualifiers?
3. If standardized test scores are part of the admissions selection process, what is the average score of those accepted?
4. If GPAs are part of the admissions selection process what is the average GPA of those accepted?
5. Does community service enhance my chances of acceptance?
6. Does job shadowing enhance my chances of acceptance?
7. Will I have to have an interview if I am considered for acceptance?
8. By what date would you recommend that I have my completed application on file in your office?
9. How many students annually apply to this program and what percent are accepted?
10. What are your recommendations to me that will enhance my chances of acceptance?
11. If the program is limited access and I don't get in the first time I apply, what would you recommend I do to enhance my chances of acceptance for the next application period?

After completing this exercise, you may want to contact the faculty or counselor who assigned this activity to discuss the results.