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When individuals join college, they tend to discover new experiences and acquaintances to escalate the talents and capabilities they have to provide. Nevertheless, after several interactions with the school program, the students will be ready to create new skills and interests and develop a career action plan. Students that understand where they want to go, such as in the engineering technology field, always have a smooth journey. To plan a career in the engineering technology field, students need to follow several steps to attain what they have always desired. The first step in the career plan is to perform a self-evaluation test. Individuals need to know themselves better and what their choices are. This will involve understanding their interests, personality, skills, and values. Similarly, California Lutheran University (n.d) stated that performing self-evaluation is vital in a career plan because it ensures that individuals recognize the jobs and businesses and personal and professional objectives suited to their dreams.

Self-assessment will also enable one to realize the acquaintances and skills they might need to obtain. For instance, those who want to be in an engineering technology career will need to focus on their personality, making them happy and inspiring them. For example, one might be having wishes to be on the cutting edge of technology. Also, a person's interest, values, and skills in an engineering technology career will need to drive innovation because the field comprises significant variations. After all, more designs, development, and tests are required to create new products. The student needs to have a wish to work on the best projects that revolutionize the world. For instance, one may desire to work in the spacecraft project, which can land on the comet and collect information regarding the universe. Other interests leading to engineering technology are the subjects in schools. Those who are always interested in mathematics and sciences can easily apply them in real-world problems to fit in the career.

The next step is career research. In this step, the engineering technology student has already realized their qualities and abilities and needs to choose the careers they are interested in through research. First, students will have to outline the features in the work environment, roles, and progression changes they need in their career (Indeed Editorial Team, 2020). Therefore, through the use of the features, one can realize more responsibilities and companies they want to deliberate. For instance, when they want to enter the engineering technology career, they will need to narrow down in the industry and learn what is required to be learned through finding professionals in the field or create an appointment with the expert's career counseling.

The next in planning is career examination and testing. After discovering that the personality, attitudes, abilities, and research satisfy that one fits in engineering technology careers, it is vital to experience the profession. For instance, one can experience the engineering technology career through informational interviews by asking the career professionals questions concerning education, training, certifications, and entry-level roles (Indeed Editorial Team, 2020). Also, one can experience job shadowing where they visit a professional engineering technologist on the job and observe what they are doing. Other ways comprise getting internships, volunteering in the engineering industry, and getting part-time work to sharpen the skills.

After deciding on engineering technology as a career, it will be essential to set the goals for career achievement. The goals should be specific, measurable, relevant, achievable, and time-bound. Then the student will create and execute the plan by writing the steps and following them to attain the goals. Finally, the career plan needs to be revised and adjusted because things change based on varying events. Therefore, one needs to perceive the plan as a guide and provide a chance for adjustment because some plans might change upon completing other goals.

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