

From there, you can continue and a list of careers that seem to match your areas of interest will be created and you can read about each one. Pay particular attention to those that you do not know much about or have never heard of, because they may be the ones you should research further. You can also research careers that do not show on the list of matching careers by going to the *Career Finder* link on Bridges or the Occupations with *Post-Secondary Schools* link on Choices.

### Parents:

There is also a section for parents at [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com) to guide you in assisting your child in this process. Just select the “Parents” tab at the top of the page.

### **Other Surveys/Assessments**

Once you have completed the interest profiler, you can continue your research by completing the Work Values/Work Importance Locator section, the Basic Skills Survey and/or the Cluster Finder. These are all under the *Choices Planner* at bridges.com and under the *Assessments* section on Choices.

## **Additional Steps to Career Searching**

Continue your career research by accessing sites such as:

- Career Zone ([www.careerzone.org](http://www.careerzone.org))
- New York State Department of Labor ([www.labor.state.ny.us](http://www.labor.state.ny.us))
- [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov)

Keep in mind that you should focus on researching career areas, not necessarily specific careers, i.e. business versus accounting. As you move through the process, you can get more specific but doing so too quickly can cause you to miss some potentially rewarding careers during your search.

Ready for the next step? You should consider:

- Setting up informational interviews (\*) with people in your field(s) of interest
- Shadowing a person in the area(s) in which you are interested
- Participating in an internship or volunteering within that area in the community

If you are struggling with any of these steps, make an appointment with your counselor – do not put off your research!