**Purpose:** To **investigate** the costs, benefits, and requirements of different careers and career pathways.

**Instructions:** Below, record the research you conduct on different careers, both within STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) and outside of STEM fields (law, art, journalism, government, marketing, social work). These careers should be careers that you find interesting based on prior knowledge or research you conduct. Be specific in your choices.

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| **Criteria** | **Career 1:**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Career 2:**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Career 3:**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| *STEM or non-STEM Category* |  |  |  |
| *Cost of Training for this Career* |  |  |  |
| *Time to complete degree or program* |  |  |  |
| *Career-Specific Skills Required* |  |  |  |
| *Non Career-Specific Skills Required* |  |  |  |
| *Average Salary (starting)* |  |  |  |
| *Average Salary (5+ years experience)* |  |  |  |

**Reflection:**  If you would like to research additional careers, please attach additional research on a separate sheet of paper. Complete the reflection below based on your research. You may choose to specifically research for these questions if you do not know based on the information from the front of this page.

1. Were there any skills required for the careers you researched surprising? If so, what skills were they?

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1. What other skills do you think ***any*** employer might look for in potential employees?

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1. Do you feel you have these skills? What do you need to gain these skills if you do not have them yet?

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1. If you were to begin preparing for one of the careers you researched, what are the first steps you would need to take while in high school or before attending a training program/college?

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