

## Career Change Strategic Planning

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1. Why are you thinking about changing your career?
2. Are you running from something or running to something?
3. If you had a magic wand and could do anything you want, what would you do?
4. In my new position do I want to primary emphasis on the relationship I will have, the security the new position will bring, or the challenge of the position?
5. Where do I see myself in 5-10 years? What is my overall career path? Does this change represent a step in the “right” direction for my longer range plans?
6. What do my 3-5 closest friends advise about the possible change? My spouse? My mentor?
7. If I had all of the money I needed, would I still make this change?
8. If the doctor told me I had 5 years at the most to live, what would I do then?
9. What 3-10 things would I most like to “do” in my work? What do I feel best at and enjoy the most?
10. What is really holding me back in my professional life? If these could be overcome, then what would I do?
11. What accomplishments am I most “proud” of at this point in my life? How would these kinds of accomplishments be possible in my new position?
12. What testing evidence is available to help guide your decision?
13. What are you reading to assist you in making a decision regarding a career change?
14. To what extent have you implemented a “networking” plan?
15. To what extent have you studied the “growth occupations” over the next decade?

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