You may have a general idea of what a specific job entails, but before you decide to pursue that “dream career”, you will want to be sure there are not any surprises down the road. There are numerous career exploration sites, but we have selected a few of our favorites to get you started. Here you can find detailed information on required skills and education, work environment, salary, hiring outlook, and insider info on what that career is really all about.

**Career One Stop** features occupational profiles of almost 900 careers with a great selection of video profiles.

**O*Net Online** is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and has the largest database of occupations available.

**Occupational Outlook Handbook** from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This includes the most extensive career data and a good choice if you are looking to compare one occupation directly with another.

**Road Trip Nation** is an entertaining look at current careers. Not as in-depth as the others, but geared to High School and College Students.