

# SALARY RESEARCH

## The Salary Research Activity is useful for:

- Identifying professional development opportunities and hiring trends within your area of interest
- Generating knowledge about viable financial outcomes for different positions
- Differentiating between types of positions in your field of interest

## Directions:

1. Go to <http://www.onetonline.org/>.
2. Search an occupation using the Quick Search feature in the top right-hand corner.
3. Search through the sample job titles and then read through the “Tasks” and “Wages & Employment Trends” section.
4. Select an occupation you found interesting and answer the following questions:
  - a. What skills are required for the position?
  - b. What are the projected wages for the position?

## Things to Think About:

- Would you be satisfied with the projected wages for this position? Are the wages in alignment with your specific financial needs or the lifestyle you want to have?
- What skills do you want to develop further to best prepare you for this career?
- How important are projected wages in deciding your career field?
- How do you define success? Is that in alignment with how you answered the previous questions?

If you would like to talk to someone about this activity or need additional resources, **Career Services** is available to all students! Check out our website to make an appointment or to see upcoming events and workshops: <http://www.careers.vcu.edu>