WOIS Can Help Both Decided and Undecided Students to Research Potential Career Paths

WOIS is a large Washington-based database with numerous resources that can give students interested in a particular field the opportunity to research not only jobs specific to their majors, but also other related jobs within their industry. Additionally, it provides up-to-date information about wages and salary—county to county, and advancement possibilities. Furthermore, it gives future outlooks for growth within that occupational field. It also provides links to Washington State Universities that offer 4-year degree programs for students that wish to continue their education beyond an associate's degree.

For the undecided students at SCCC, WOIS can provide students with the tools to assess their skills, preferences, and work values. WOIS has many online assessments that can help students narrow down a career path. Once students have the 'verbage' to research occupations that interest them and match their skills, abilities, and preferences, they can begin searching the occupational database to look at the various career paths they may want to pursue. It can possibly give the undecided student the direction they need to motivate and retain them through to a two-year associate's degree. WOIS can also help the decided student to research career options.

Both decided and undecided students can benefit from using the WOIS website. If you have students who have career-related questions or students who are undecided, send them to the Career Services Center in Room 1102E. What follows is a glance at the WOIS web page (specifically one of hundreds of job title profiles).

THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE ENCOURAGES COMPANIES TO HIRE EDUCATED WORKERS WHO HAVE BOTH TECHNICAL SKILLS AND SOFT SKILLS

In a world where financial capital, technology, information, and goods move quickly between borders, the economic advantage goes to workers who are educated, trained, and are motivated to provide excellent customer service to their clients. In the past, countries that had an abundance of natural resources and the ability to tap into various markets, had a leg up on competing countries. This is no longer the case with improvements worldwide in technology and telecommunications. These changes have increased the skill and knowledge requirement for U.S. workers. Today's ever-changing work places rely on workers with adequate technical skills, but most importantly, soft skills; people who can handle multiple projects, interact well with co-workers, respond to their customer's needs, and identify problems and make decisions to solve them quickly. Companies need to be lean and flexible in order to compete in the new marketplace or their clients will quickly go elsewhere. This is true for a wide range of service industries including finance, telecommunications, and other service industries. It encourages employers to attract capable workers who possess the soft skills to innovate, add to a dynamic work environment, and to provide the highest level of customer service to their clients.