STEP 2 can also be referred to as CAREER EXPLORATION. The main goal is to become familiar with significant influencing areas outside of you and how they either support or are in conflict with your STEP 1 self-assessment results.

Sociologists have identified the following areas as having the most influence on the lives of human beings.

A. Social (Family, Friends, Leisure Time, etc.)
B. Beliefs/Faith
C. Education/Training
D. Economics (Money/Occupation)
E. Political (Laws/Government)

We suggest you first explore the occupations (D) that are related to your STEP 1 results.

Next, explore the various education and training requirements (C) for the occupations you believe are the most closely related.

Finally, follow this same sequence for A, B and E and become aware of significant influencing factors (SIF) you may need to consider before you make an important decision. A sampling of SIF appear below:
- Family Obligations
- Educational/Training Availability
- Economic Downturn
- Current/Projected Financial Situation
- Location
- Natural or Man-made Disasters
- Laws/Rules
- Faith Considerations

If you are interested in receiving help on how to complete STEP 2, contact:
Counseling and Career Center
Room 327, Student Center
www.grcc.edu/careerresources

UPON COMPLETION OF STEP 2:
- You should have completed a self-assessment to determine your life direction (STEP 1).
- You should be familiar with important aspects within significant influencing areas on the outside you believe to be supportive of your life direction (STEP 2).