



### WEEK 3:

## Find a program or major that prepares me for my career

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During Week 3, students will use a career cluster of choice to identify “meta-majors” on which to focus their program or major exploration that will prepare them for their future career.

**Learning Objective:** Participants will match their career cluster to a meta major along with exploring other means to discover a program or major that will prepare them for their future.

**MCJ Tools:** CoTrainingProviders, Soft Skills Assessment, gtPathways

**CAM Activity:** Participants will reflect on the corresponding meta major to their chosen career cluster along with exploring the CoTrainingProviders.org and pathways soft skills assessment and guaranteed pathways program for their career, program name, length, cost, and credential required, and program of choice.

### Tips for Success:

- Translating career aspirations into what program or major to take is an inexact science at best. Suggest to students as they look at careers that they always dive into what education and training program, as well as experience, will result in career success.
- The Careers In Colorado tool will help students see careers within an industry that may be a good starting point in that industry even if they can’t spend a lot of time on further education.
- Encourage participants to download the GT pathways checklist, complete their work and then upload the checklist onto the education section of their profile.
- Encourage participants to log into their My Colorado Journey account to complete their work on CoTrainingProviders so their work will be saved.

### ***What the research says:***

Finding the right fit is important for students, especially those from underrepresented groups. Studies show that more than half of high-achieving students from low-income families end up at a college beneath their academic level, a phenomenon called *undermatching*. More troubling, those who are under-matched are less likely to graduate on time. By exploring multiple pathways and options, we hope students land at an institution where they’ll thrive.



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### WEEK 3:

## Explore my future earnings for my program of study

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During Week 3, students will use the return on investment (RIO) tool to find out more about the value of their future program of study.

**Learning Objective:** Participants will investigate their return on investment for their program of study.

**MCJ Tools:** Return on Investment (ROI) tool.

**CAM Activity:** Participants will use the RIO tool to reflect on which program at Colorado public colleges and universities has the best average earnings over time.

### Tips for Success:

- Some students may require one-on-one support understanding the ROI graph.
- Encourage participants to log into their My Colorado Journey account to complete their work on RIO tool so their work will be saved.