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Chapter 9: Making Career Decisions—Glossary

abilities. Skills developed through training or practice.

aptitudes. Natural talents with which you were born.

buyers. People in fashion merchandising who select which clothes and accessories will be sold in a store.

career clusters. Sixteen groupings of careers based on common knowledge and skills.

certification. A special standing within a profession as a result of meeting certain educational and work requirements.

consumer advocates. People or organizations that support the rights of the consumer to obtain safe goods and services at fair prices.

consumerism. The promotion of the consumer's interests.

cooperative extension agents. People who provide practical and research-based information to agricultural producers, business owners, youth, consumers, and others in rural areas and communities of all sizes.

dietetics. Field of study that applies the principles of food, nutrition, business, social, and basic sciences in different settings to promote nutritional health.

entrepreneurs. People who start and manage businesses of their own.

food science. The study of the production, processing, storage, preservation, and safety of food.

interests. Things you enjoy learning about or doing.

internships. Supervised, practical job experiences at the postsecondary level.

job shadowing. Spending time at work with someone whose career interests you.

job trends. General patterns of whether hiring is increasing or decreasing in certain job sectors.

major. The academic subject chosen in college as a field of specialization.

mentor. A trusted person that guides someone's career.

postsecondary. Additional schooling beyond high school.

work-based learning. Programs that provide opportunities for students to learn about jobs through direct work experience as part of their school courses.