



Accessing Choices

The Choices Planner is available to any NMSU-A student interested in career/academic planning, however, incoming degree seeking freshmen are required to complete the Interest Profiler portion before or during their first semester at NMSU-A. Upon completion of the Interest Profiler, incoming degree seeking freshmen are required to bring a print out of the Profiler results and a completed Academic & Career Focus Worksheet/Guide to an Academic Advisor for career/academic planning and course selection.

What is Choices?

Choices is an on-line career assessment. Choices helps you discover your vocational personalities and what careers would work well for your values and work-related goals. Aligning your career field(s) with an NMSU-A degree plan will be clearer, after completing the Interest Profiler in Choices.



To Access Choices Planner

- Access the Choices icon (if available on a campus computer)
- OR
- Go to <http://www.bridges.com>
- OR
- Go to the NMSU-A website, click on "Student Resources." Under "Online Tools," click "Choices Career Planner"



New Users

- Create your own user profile and personal logon information by creating a portfolio. This will allow you to save your Choices information and come back later to continue Choices. (Use your myNMSU name and password so it will be easy to remember)
- Upon initial setup, you will also be required to key in the following NMSU-A Site ID & Password:

Site ID: **0109231**

Password: **H9q2r5N8**

Note: For future visits, you will not need the Site ID and Password, only your personal logon information will be required.



What are Your

- Once you have signed in, go to “Choices Planner”
- Under the “Work” Tab, click on “Interest Profiler”
- Answer all of the questions carefully and remember that this is not about what you know how to do, but rather what your potential may be. Pay attention to the action words like “build” or “help” as well as the job itself.
- After you have finished, the planner will break your scores down into six categories, or personality profiles, all based on your interests.
- Go to “Matching Careers” to see a list of careers that fit your top two profiles. Also, take note of the profile least developed, as this is likely not an area you would be happy to pursue.
- Each specific career offers categories such as money and outlook, what to learn, work values, and skills. While optional, these can be very helpful to review.
- Complete the Planner Worksheet/Guide and bring it with a print out of the Interest Profiler to an Academic Advisor.
- The Interest Profile will also be saved to your portfolio, which you can access in Choices at any time.
- While only the Interest Profiler is required, students are urged to access other components of the Choices Planner.

Additional Career resources are available on the NMSU-A website

Go to Student Resources, then Choices Planner

- For a worksheet to help with the academic/career planning process, go to “Planner Worksheet.”
- For an overview of the personality profile characteristics/types go to “Basic Personality Types.”
- To align your interest/personality profile with compatible certificates and degrees, go to “Personality Types aligned with NMSU-A Programs.” Simply look at your top two personality profiles and the aligned/corresponding certificate or degree programs.
- For a career plan outline, go to “Career Plan Outline.”
- For additional planning information, go to “Further Academic & Career Planning Suggestions.”

For help to complete your profile or with questions, please call Advising & Career Services at 439-3720 and ask for Lesia, Jeremy, or Manuela.