

College & Career Connections Road Map Checklist

Explore

- ☐ [Testing & Education Reference Center](#) – CMLibrary Online Resource
- ☐ [Ferguson's Career Guidance Center](#) – CMLibrary Online Resource
- ☐ [Learn About Yourself](#) – College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)
- ☐ [My Next Move](#) – U.S. Department of Labor
- ☐ [NC Careers](#) – NC Department of Commerce
- ☐ [Virtual College Tours](#) – Campus Tours
- ☐ Create your own Explore activity (*Suggestions: Attend a college fair, Shadow a professional to learn more about a career, Learn which schools offer your preferred major or area of interest*)



Read

- ☐ Search for books to help you on your journey in our [catalog](#)
- ☐ Recommended reading lists – [Test Prep](#), [Guidebooks for Colleges & Majors](#), [Scholarships & Financial Aid](#)

Write

- ☐ Your [brag sheet](#)
- ☐ A professional resume
- ☐ At least one personal essay (Ex. college admissions, scholarship submissions, etc.)

Create

- ☐ Your Planning Timeline – [College Planning Timeline](#) or [Explore Careers](#) – College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)
- ☐ Visit one of our [Library Makerspaces](#) to create a meaningful project
- ☐ Share your progress via social media using our hashtag #CMLCollegeCareer

Plan

- ☐ [Reality Check](#) – NC Department of Commerce
- ☐ [Know Before You Go](#) – College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)
- ☐ [Career One Stop for Youth](#) – U.S. Department of Labor
- ☐ [Plan and Budget](#) – Google Curriculum
- ☐ Create your own Plan activity (*Suggestions: Apply for scholarships, Plan your budget, Compare occupations, Find training, Do additional research on schools, careers, etc.*)

Act

- ☐ Become a [VolunTeen](#) at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, or volunteer in the community
- ☐ Attend at least 4 [College & Career Connections](#) programs and workshops at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library
- ☐ Apply to a job, internship, certificate program, or post-secondary institution
- ☐ Schedule a 1-on-1 meeting with a Charlotte Mecklenburg Library staff member to review your road map and get additional guidance. Contact your local branch for more details.

You must complete at least 10 activities (at least 1 from each category) and 10 hours of planning for your future, which will be discussed at your 1-on-1 with Library staff.