

GRADE 9 | 2024

Career Development and Life Skills

Life Orientation

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1. Career Planning

Planning your career involves knowing yourself, exploring options, and making decisions.

Self-Assessment

- Interests: what activities you enjoy
- Skills: what you are good at
- Values: what matters most to you
- Personality: introvert/extrovert, creative/analytical

2. Subject Choices and Careers

Subject choices in Grade 10 affect which careers you can pursue. Research the subjects needed for your dream career.

- Mathematics: engineering, accounting, medicine, architecture
- Physical Sciences: medicine, engineering, chemistry, physics
- Life Sciences: medicine, veterinary science, environmental science
- Accounting: CA, financial management, banking
- Information Technology: software development, networking, data science

3. Tertiary Education Options

- University: Bachelor's degrees, postgraduate studies (requires NSC with diploma/bachelor pass)
- University of Technology (TVET): diplomas and certificates in technical fields
- TVET Colleges: vocational training (electrical, plumbing, hairdressing)
- Learnerships: combination of classroom and workplace training

4. Preparing for Work

- CV (Curriculum Vitae): summary of your qualifications and experience
- Cover letter: introduces you and explains why you want the job
- Job interview: prepare by researching the company, dressing professionally
- Workplace skills: teamwork, communication, time management, problem-solving

TIP: Start a career portfolio now - collect evidence of your achievements, awards, and extra-curricular activities.