

## CaTS Resources Available for Undeclared Majors

### Career Assessments

Focus 2 and Choices Planner career assessments are available to help examine your interests, abilities/skills, and values.

You are encouraged to complete one of these assessments prior to your first career counseling appointment.

### Undeclared Major and Career Counseling

One-on-one guidance is available to help you explore and choose a major and/or career. Discuss your personal goals and receive additional career resources.

### CaTS Events

CaTS events include: Major Mania, Transfer Fair, Career Expo, and On-Campus College Recruiters. These events can assist you during your decision making process. For more information on these events, visit the CaTS website.

### Undecided Times Newsletter

A quarterly online newsletter that provides helpful information for undeclared majors.

# UNDECLARED MAJORS



**Your Exploration Starts Here...**

Career and Transfer Services  
Cypress Campus Center  
Room 200  
(210) 486-4126  
[www.alamo.edu/nvc/students/cats](http://www.alamo.edu/nvc/students/cats)

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## It Is OKAY To Be Undecided About Your Major!

Although you currently may be undecided about your major remember that you have already made one of the most important decisions of your life, to obtain a college education!

The Career and Transfer Services Office at Northwest Vista College is available to meet the special needs of students who would like to explore their career options before committing to a major/program.

For more information contact:

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## Advantages of Declaring A Major

- ✓ Allows time to actively explore your options.
- ✓ Not forced to select a major/program that you are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with.
- ✓ You can begin to narrow down which four year institution you would like to transfer to after receiving your Associate's degree.
- ✓ Improves your chances of graduating on time.

## Disadvantages of NOT Declaring A Major

- ✓ Less likely to succeed and persist in college.
- ✓ Possible loss of time and money.
- ✓ May take classes not required for major.
- ✓ Limited course selection.
- ✓ No clear goal for degree completion.

## Career Websites

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

O\*NET Online  
[www.online.onetcenter.org](http://www.online.onetcenter.org)

*"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely."*

*~ Auguste Rodin*

## Steps to Declaring A Major At NVC

1. Evaluate your work interests and research careers, education requirements, salaries, job duties, and more by completing the **Focus 2 or Choices Planner Career Assessment** at:

[www.alamo.edu/nvc/students/cats](http://www.alamo.edu/nvc/students/cats)

### FOCUS Login Instructions

Click on "Create New Account"  
Keycode: nvc7596

### Choices Planner Login Instructions

Click on "create a new portfolio"  
Site user ID: 1034757  
Site Password: studentsuccess

2. Review requirements for the majors/programs and transfer plans available at NVC. Eliminate majors/programs and transfer plans in which you are definitely not interested in.

### NVC Majors/Programs

[www.alamo.edu/nvc/academics.asp](http://www.alamo.edu/nvc/academics.asp)  
Look under "What We Offer..."

### NVC Transfer Plans

[www.alamo.edu/nvc/students/cats](http://www.alamo.edu/nvc/students/cats)  
Click on "Transfer"

3. Make an appointment with Undeclared Student Team Leader at (210) 486-4126 to narrow down your options by reviewing your career assessment results.

4. Make a decision! Declare a major based on your interests, abilities/skills, and values.

5. Complete the Change of Major form once you have decided on your major.