

WAIT! These are end of semester instructions. If you are not at the end of semester, bypass these instructions for now. Instead, proceed below to the Overview.

Upon completing the Navigator course which includes utilizing the formula and analysis contained in this document what decision have you made concerning a possible career choice?

DECISION:



OVERVIEW

According to Sherpa Nathan Siple, who found a career he loves and is thriving in it.

“There are two things while in high school to be looking for, careerwise.”

- Nathan Siple

Looking for these two things can give you direction.

1. What do you want your life to look like?

2. What can you see yourself doing?

NATHAN'S CORNERSTONE

Start with EMPATHY

COMPASS: Care for others **as I care for myself**

OPPORTUNITY: A Medical Mission Trip

MENTOR(S): Dentists and Dad (and others not mentioned)

OBSERVATION: There are people in prolonged dental pain.

INSPIRATION: I would like to learn how to help them!

INVESTIGATION: Job Shadowing, Research & Analysis

DECISION: I would like to be a dentist.

WHAT NOW: Nathan developed a strategy and worked to accomplish it.

YOUR CORNERSTONE

COMPASS: Care for others as I care for myself

OPPORTUNITY:

MENTOR(S):

OBSERVATION:

INSPIRATION:

INVESTIGATION:

DECISION:

WHAT NOW:

OPPORTUNITY

Describe your opportunity:

What did you do?

Where did you serve?

MENTOR/Supervisor:

Dates:

Summarize your thoughts in response to the experience including any **OBSERVATIONS** and **INSPIRATIONS**.

Is there a career you would like to explore based on this opportunity?

INVESTIGATION

Sherpa Investigated

Career Certifications

ANALYSIS

When considering your future, using research and analysis to create a successful strategy is smart and will pay high dividends!

Nathan's Research, Analysis and Strategy

1. Plan: **Attend a 4 year college, earn a biology degree and then attend dental school.**
2. Estimated Cost: 4 year college: OU is \$26,400 a year so $4 \times 26,400$ is \$105,600. Plus OU Dental School: Oklahoma resident \$212,584, Non-Oklahoma resident \$440,751 so total cost for Oklahoma resident for college and dental school: **\$318,184**. (Nathan probably paid more since he was out-of-state for dental school, but he went to an in-state school for undergrad. It may have been more like \$546,3510).
3. How will you pay for it: **Nathan got a job when possible. Jaime worked for EducationALIVE as an editor and assistant to the CEO. They did take out a loan for dental school and also managed their finances really well by staying on a budget and reducing living expenses wherever possible.**
4. How many hours will you need to work at a \$14 an hour job to pay for it?: (We won't worry about how many taxes will be coming out of your paycheck, yet.) **22,728 hours** (\$318,184 divided by \$14).
5. How much does a dentist make a year: **\$168,829** on average.
6. How many years would it take to pay back a loan at that salary?: (remember to calculate living expenses: \$34,533 average living expenses per year. So $\$168,829 - \$34,533 = \$134,296$. Therefore, $\$318,184 / \$134,296 = 2.4$ years (If living at the average cost of living and just paying for yourself to live which means no spouse or kids.)
7. How many years would it take to pay back that loan at a \$14 an hour salary which earns \$27,300 a year? (In this scenario, living expenses exceed salary therefore you would **never break even or be able to pay it back** which will limit your choices as you get older in small and big ways.)
8. What is the minimal degree or certification needed to get this job?: **Doctorate Degree of Dentistry**

9. Ways to Reduce the Cost: (scholarships, grants, etc.) examples: **Oklahoma Promise**, **High ACT** scores with **good grades** or PSAT/SAT scores for out-of-state schools because colleges offer scholarships.
10. What do you have to do or have to get the scholarship or grant?: **Enroll soon** for Oklahoma Promise! <https://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/student-requirements.shtml> Get **good grades**. Research other opportunities. Get good grades and **study for the ACT** and potentially the PSAT/SAT test to get a full scholarship to OU (National Merit Scholar) or go out-of-state. **Get involved with your school and service opportunities** in your community.
11. Skills to Develop on My Own: (Are there things you can be doing now to prepare you for your future that are at no or minimal cost that could potentially fast track your future or put you in a position to excel once you get an entry level job?) Nathan learned to play the **Guitar** which helps his dexterity in dentistry. He also learned many different types of **Building skills** from others by helping them with projects which now helps him take care of his own home so that he doesn't have to pay others for projects he can do. It also helped him learn to solve different types of problems in different kinds of ways which helps in dentistry and life. **Communication skills**: ask good questions, listen to understand and work to express myself in a kind way.

Overview: Nathan followed his interests, considered his future when making decisions and helped others. This strategy led to a great career.

Your Research, Analysis and Strategy

1. Plan:
2. Estimated Cost:
3. How will you pay for it:
4. How many hours will you need to work at a \$14 an hour job to pay for it?: (We won't worry about how many taxes will be coming out of your paycheck, yet.)
5. How much does a _____ make a year:
6. If you have to take out a loan, how many years would it take to pay it back at the projected salary? (do not forget to consider living expenses.)
7. How many years would it take to pay back that loan at a \$14 an hour salary which earns \$27,300 a year?
8. What is the minimal degree or certification needed to get this job?:
9. Ways to Reduce the Cost:
10. What do you have to do or have to get these scholarships or grants?
11. Skills to Develop on My Own:

Overview:

DECISION

Now, it's time to go to the top of this document and **record your decision** regarding your potential career path. REMEMBER, you are not locked in, it's just a starting point. Start to pursue this career, learn more about it, take classes in line with this career, and find out all you can now. It will pay off in the long run! Set up your own individual job shadowing experience with someone in the field. Ask questions, go experience the work so you can continue to determine if this is actually a good fit for YOU and/or more specifically which aspect of this career you want to specialize in or pursue.

Working according to your wiring is **so much fun**, but you will have to dig for it and learn as you go in order to find it!

WHAT NOW?

(What classes should you take or training should you pursue?)

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