Need to... get a job (decide on a major, find an internship, determine your strengths...)?

The path to a dream job begins with looking at you. Engaging in the process of self-assessment first will help you present yourself and what you bring more effectively.

In the diagram below, note that all the triangles support each other and the arrows go in both directions. This demonstrates that often times one may need to step back and reassess a direction based on additional experience and self-discovery. You can start this process today and make an appointment with a career counselor to receive additional guidance.

Assess:
- Start thinking about these areas
  - Take HUMA 212: Career and Life Planning
  - Make an appointment with a CCD Career Counselor
  - Take career assessments at the CCD
  - Ask parents, professors, friends for feedback

Test Possibilities
- Internships
- Summer/part-time jobs
- Volunteer
- Extracurricular activities

Assess Yourself
- Interests
- Abilities/skills
- Values
- Needs
- Lifestyle

Explore Options
- Learn about majors
- Research industries and fields
- Assess grad schools
- Conduct informational interviews

Explore:
- Take a class in an area that you are considering
- Attend company info sessions to learn more about opportunities
- Speak to alumni and contacts to get more information about companies and job functions
- Read the Vault Guides to learn more about industry areas
- Read the CCD Learning Guides

Test:
- Work on your resume
  - Attend a CCD Resume session
  - See a Peer Career Advisor for a resume review
- Think about gaining some experience and test your interest
- Do a mock interview at the CCD to practice
- Attend the CCD Career Expos and check RICElink for opportunities
  - Attend the CCD Expo Simulation
- Speak to the Rice Community Involvement Center
- Network for opportunities and info
  - Utilize tools like the Rice Career Network and LinkedIn
- Take HUMA 295 to get internship credit