# Building a Path to My Career

Directions:

Use the Occupational Outlook Handbook ([https://www.bls.gov/ooh/)](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/) and/or labor market and occupational data from your state to research information for your top two career choices. Then, compare your answers to a friend’s occupation choice. Two examples are done for you.

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| **Occupation** | **Hairdresser\*** | **Architect\*** |
| Employment Outlook | *better than average (20 percent growth)* | *better than average (3 percent growth)* |
| ExpectedEntry-Level Wage (hourly or annually) | *about $13.50 per hour plus tips* | *About $82,500 per year* |
| Possible Concerns | * *44 percent are self-employed*
* *competition for higher paying openings is high*
 | * *About 21 percent are self-employed*
* *Stiff competition, for jobs in most prestigious firms.*
* *Many work more than 50 hours per week*
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| Hiring Requirements | *License, post-high school training* | *To get licensed: 5 yr. professional degree, 3+ years of practical work, training, and pass license exam* |
| School or College Where I Can Train | *Diva Hairdressing Academy* | *XXX State University* |
| Length of Training | *1,000 hours* | *Minimum 5 years* |
| Cost of Training | *Approximately $12,000* | *Approximately $160,744* |
| Three Skills I Can Develop Now to Prepare | * *build communication skills*
* *learn budgeting*
* *develop marketing skills*
 | * *research (Where is new construction?)*
* *time/stress management*
* *computer-aided drawing*
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\*Occupation data is based on available data.