# 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)* |
| Expected  Entry-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* |
| 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* |

\*Occupation data is based on available data.