

Navigating **the Web**

Career Matters*

<http://www.careermatters.tvo.org>

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Career Matters is a website run by TVOntario. This site is for people who are unsure of what field they want to work in. There is a lot of information provided on choosing appropriate high school courses, post-secondary education, training opportunities and career options. Although the main focus of this site is for young people in high school, there is a lot of interesting information for adult students as well. The most useful section of this site for adult literacy students is Job Matters. Here there are over 50 different job videos listed alphabetically. When you select a video to watch, you must indicate the media player you have — Real Player, Windows Media or QuickTime and your connection speed — modem or DSL/Cable. The videos load fairly quickly and the sound is quite clear. The videos are based on regular people or entrepreneurs in the selected jobs talking about their personal experiences. There is also a glossary of terms used in the videos. Since there is a separate window for the video and the glossary, you can view them simultaneously.

In the Careers section, you can find good advice on a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ). Some of these questions include, what are the deductions on a pay cheque and is there financial aid available if you want to start your own business. Under the Resources section you can find links to other webpages that can help you with things like job search skills and job trends.

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