

Consider Which Second College Degree to Get©

Reasons I Am Getting a Second College Degree

1. I feel like I have outgrown this career. It bores me now. Who do I know that has a second college degree?
2. I have hit a glass ceiling. A second degree can help me break through it. For example, I am a petroleum engineer. An mba that might position me for upper management.
3. I can use what I learned in this career to move to another career. For example, I am a petroleum engineer. If I got a law degree, I could specialize in defending petrochemical companies that get sued.
4. I don't get to use my people skills enough.
5. I don't get to use my brain enough.
6. There is too much pressure to perform – Money is the only game. I want something that helps people. That is how I need to make a difference.
7. I want to make more money. An mba with a specialty in marketing look attractive.
8. I deserve to be paid more for what I do.
9. There is too much travel in this job.
10. Other:

Other Considerations

1. What have I learned in my career so far that could help me decide what second degree to get?
2. People who know me well might help me make this decision. Career Interview Questions (CIQ) I can ask people to learn about their careers:
 - A. Advantages of his/her career
 - B. Disadvantages
 - C. Skills required
 - D. Training required
 - E. What gives him/her a sense of satisfaction in his/her career?
 - F. For someone in my career who is older than me (a mentor, perhaps?) If s/he were considering a second degree which one would s/he advise me to get?
 - G. What new careers does s/he see think looks promising in this economy?
 - H. S/he knows me. What second college degree does s/he think I should get?
 - I. Will s/he look at my PSA© and then advise me about people to talk with?
 - J. What should I have asked that I did not think of?

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3. How can I make it easy for a person to help me? Would emailing them CIQ before we talk be with my PSA© as an attachment be helpful?
4. What second college degree did my dad get or would he have gotten knowing what he knows now? Which of my personality strengths are a lot like my dad's? As I just think about that, what comes up? As I look at my PSA© what comes up?
5. What second college degree did my mom get or would she have gotten knowing what she knows now? Which of my personality strengths are a lot like my mom's? As I just think about that, what comes up? As I look at my PSA© what comes up?
6. I think about my friends. What do they know that could be helpful in making this decision? What could they do to help me decide?
7. What is one thing that each person who cares about me appreciates in me?
8. What do coworkers think my personality strengths are?
9. What sticks out in my mind that my supervisor says good about me?
10. What other mentors do I have who could give me guidance?
11. As I look at my PSA©: What coping strengths, temperament strengths, and values am I really glad that I have?
12. What coping strengths, temperament strengths, and values do most of my friends have? Which ones are the same as those in 11.? Which ones are different?
13. As I look at my PSA©: Does this organization promote people who are high in the personality strengths that I am high in? For example:
 - A. Coping Strategies – if I am high in Nurturance, does this organization tend to promote people who are high in Achievement and Dominance?
 - B. Temperament Strengths – If I am the life of the party and low in Restraint/Seriousness does this organization tend to promote people who are high in Restraint/Seriousness?
 - C. Values – If I am high in Social Value does this organization tend to promote people who are high in Economic Value?
14. Let's ask: What does my mentor at work tell me about what my career path at this organization is?
15. Does s/he think that I would have a better career path if I had a second college degree?

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16. If s/he thinks that I would have a better career path if I had a second college degree, what would be the best college degree for me to get?

17. Will my mentor go to bat for me to get me my best career path? If the answer to this question is “No” what will it take to change this answer to “Yes”?

18. If I do not have a mentor at work do I have a career path here?

19. How can I find out if I have a career path here?

20. As I look back over these 19 questions, what do I realize about my career path at this organization?

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