Students in Purdue's counseling psychology doctoral program within the Department of Educational Studies will offer a career assessment service this summer to high school students of Purdue faculty and staff, as well as to high schoolers in Tippecanoe and surrounding counties.

The career assessment service will be offered from May 25, 2015 to July 31, 2015. Each career assessment will consist of three or four sessions that will take place during the course of three to five weeks.

Although the career assessment service is aimed at high school juniors, it is also available to sophomores and seniors, says Eric Deemer, Assistant Professor of Counseling and Development. This career assessment service is not open to current Purdue students, as they can seek career-related assistance from the Purdue Counseling and Guidance Center or the Center for Career Opportunities.

Career assessments will take place at Purdue's Counseling and Guidance Center, which is in 3202 Beering Hall. Doctoral students will serve as clinicians under the supervision of a faculty member who is a licensed psychologist.

The career assessment process will include:

- A structured, career-related interview that will take place during the first session.
- Four career-related instruments, which will be completed in one or two sessions. The instruments will assess students’ career interests, career skills confidence, career values, and personality traits.
- A wrap-up session in which clinicians will provide feedback and a written report to the students and their parents.

Sessions will vary in length, with the first and last sessions lasting about an hour and the career instruments session lasting longer.

The parents of high schoolers can sign their teens up for this service by calling the Counseling and Guidance Center at 494-9738 or 494-9748. The student's name, age, and year in school are required, as well as their parents' names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Interested families are encouraged to call now to reserve a space for the summer, as spaces are limited.

The assessment fee of $100, paid via cash or check, will be required at the first session.

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