

Calculate Your Debt-to-Income

	Total Points Earned
42	Total Points Possible
	Percentage

Name _____

Date _____

Class _____

Directions: Use the My Career Pathway Planning worksheet to answer the following questions.

1. Step one: Identify postsecondary institutions and cost per year. (12 points)
 - a. For each level of training required to reach your career goal, identify a postsecondary institution you are interested in exploring. Go to that institution’s website to examine if they have a relevant certificate or degree program and the approximate cost per year. Remember to include items such as room and board and books.

Level of Education	Postsecondary Institution	Certificate or Degree Program I Would Seek	Approximate Cost Per Year (including room board, fees, etc).
1.			
2.			
3.			

2. How did you select your postsecondary institutions? (1 point)

3. Step two: Calculate the potential total cost (13 points)

Level of Education	Approximate number of years	Approximate Cost Per Year	Total Coast
1.			
2.			
3.			
Potential total cost			

4. Step three: Calculate the estimated monthly student loan payments. Use a student loan calculator like the one found on the FinAid website. Assume a loan interest rate of 6.8% and 30 years to repay the loan. Assume there are no loan fees, that the minimum payment is \$50 and there is not specified enrollment status or degree program. (1 point)

5. Step four: Calculate the estimated the median monthly gross income for your chosen career. Find national and state-based annual salary information through O*NET website. (8 points)

	National wage information	State wage information
Starting annual salary		
Starting monthly salary		
Average annual salary		
Average monthly salary		

6. Step six: Calculate your debt-to-income ratio. (1 point)

$$\frac{\text{Monthly loan payment}}{\text{Monthly wages}} = \text{This will result in a percent below 100\%. Ideally this percent will fall between 10\% and 15\%}.$$

7. What are two ways you can reduce your potential total cost? (2 points)

8. What are two potential opportunity costs of pursuing this career? (2 points)

9. What are two benefits of pursuing this career? (2 points)

10. Write a SMART career goal to identify your next steps to make your career aspirations a reality. (1 point)