

## MAKING A CAREER CHANGE IS POSSIBLE



**Summary:** *Even with no experience for a new career, you can make the change with a good chance of success.*

Even though you don't have any experience in a new career, making the change is entirely possible. The change will be harder, especially the older you get, but if it is something you have been thinking about doing for a long time and strongly feel needs to be done, then don't hesitate any longer.

Working in a job that you no longer enjoy longer than necessary can affect your job performance and ability to change careers successfully. A happy employee enjoys where they work and is proud of their company. They find meaning in what they do and are motivated to do more. Deciding to get to this point in your own career is possible right now.

### **Network**

The network you have worked so hard to develop is an important resource that can be taken with you as you change careers. Your network is likely filled with people from all kinds of industries so they can all prove to be helpful as you figure out your next move. They are able to get you in the front door of your desired industry and can connect you with key decision makers so that you can limit as much time as possible at the bottom of the industry.

### **Skills**

Many skills are transferable between careers. Emphasize the skills you have that pertain to the new career so as to draw attention away from the fact that you lack certain skills. You have years of experience in the working world, which is a skill on its own.

### **Money**

While you may take a hit to the wallet upon first changing careers, after a few years of experience, you will be able to claim skills in two different industries, making you more valuable. For example, you may have been an accountant but changed to a career in nursing. The skills you gained from being an accountant, such as working with numbers will be an asset to your career as a nurse. As you progress upwards as a nurse, you can claim your other skills as an asset when applying for management positions in nursing.

If you already know what career you want to change to, then you are ready to take the first steps. If you are not certain what you want to go into yet, you can try meeting with a career counselor or with professionals in the careers you are considering.

In the process of determining which career you want to change to, you may learn that you need a few classes, a certificate, or even another degree before you can start. If you can manage to keep your current position while you take a couple classes then go for it, but if an entire degree is necessary, attending school full-time may speed up the process. Do what is best for your financial situation and mental health but commit to a plan that will allow you to reach your goals.

Do you think it possible to change careers? Share your thoughts with us in the comments below.

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