Different Types of Counselors:

Some Overlapping Skills, but Differing Specializations (Get the right help from the right person at the right time)

Legend: **Phase 1: Self Awareness** (Getting to know yourself) ▲ ▲ ▲ **Career Counselor** • Personality (How you are wired will affect how you respond to the world and your job.) **Education/Academic Counselor** Abilities (What you do and don't do well will impact your success at what you attempt to do.) Career Coach (Job Search) Interests (What are your passions that fuel your motivation?) Mental Health Counselor Values (What is important to you will affect your choices and your success.) **Faith-based Skilled Helpers** Skills (What do you want to do?) Financial Aid Counselors/CFPs = Overlapping specializations • **Technical** (What skills do you want to use to do a specific job?) • Transferrable (What skills do you want to take with you from job to job and career to career?) 📤

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- Explore your options (What kinds of jobs reflect your personality, abilities, interests, values, skills, and learning styles?)
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- Research your options (Learn about your choices)
 - What is the job like? (Skills and education needed, working conditions, labor market trends, positive and negative)
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So How Do You Find and Get Your Dream Job or Career?

It's a process and journey that only you can take

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