

Before You Decide

Twelve questions that separate a real decision from an expensive guess.

Use this before you commit money, years, or a name to a path. It works whether you are choosing a major for your child or weighing a pivot of your own. Answer honestly. The questions you cannot answer are the ones worth paying attention to.

Evidence over guesswork.

A free guide

THE CHECKLIST

Twelve Questions

BEFORE YOU LOOK AT ANY COURSE LIST, JOB TITLE, OR RANKING

- 01 What does this person solve, build, or fix without being asked to?

- 02 Where does their focus hold steady with no outside pressure applied?

- 03 Rank what the work must provide: autonomy, security, status, challenge, meaning.

- 04 Which environments give them energy, and which quietly drain it?

PRESSURE-TEST THE SHORTLIST

- 05 Does the day-to-day reality of this path match how they actually operate, or only how it sounds?

- 06 Who is this choice really for? Name them out loud.

- 07 If the prestige were stripped out entirely, would it still be on the list?

- 08 Where did this idea come from: evidence, an algorithm, or a feed?

BEFORE YOU COMMIT MONEY OR YEARS

- 09 What evidence, beyond a strong feeling, supports this being the right fit?

- 10 What would have to be true for this to be wrong, and how would you know by month six?

- 11 What is the exit cost if it is wrong, counted in years and in money?

- 12 Who decides, and what happens when you disagree?

Cannot answer four or more of these with evidence rather than instinct? That gap is exactly what a structured diagnosis closes. careerclaritylabs.com