Choosing a career can be tricky. Many biases exist that can effect how this choice is made. Students may choose careers that are not their first choice, but are instead guided to more traditional “female” or “male” jobs. This guidance, often unintentional, can be costly. These students may never be quite satisfied in their career choices and often don’t know how to change that dissatisfaction. When both males and females choose careers based on individual abilities and interests, they are more likely to be motivated, satisfied, and successful. We offer resources to help raise the awareness of stereotyping into job types and assist in the crossover of traditional boundaries toward successful and satisfying careers.

The mission of Project ACE – Achieving Career Equity in Nontraditional Occupations, is to offer career networking, assessment and advisement, in addition to academic and employment support services for students in credit and non-credit career programs that are nontraditional for their gender.

Nontraditional Career Programs for Women
- AS Engineering Science
- AS Business Administration
- AS Communications
- AS Computer Science
- AS Environmental Studies
- AS Music Recording Technology
- AS Sports & Tourism Studies
- AAS Hotel & Resort Management
- AAS Computer Technology & Networking
- AAS Computer Information Systems
- AAS Graphic Arts & Advertising Technology
- AAS Mechanical Design & Drafting
- AAS Architectural Design & Drafting
- AAS Horticulture
- AAS Criminal Justice
- AAS Conservation Law

Nontraditional Career Programs for Men
- AAS Nursing
- AAS Business - Accounting
- AAS Business - Administrative Assistant
- AAS Paralegal

Certificate Programs for Women
- Criminal Justice
- Retailing
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Science Studies

Certificate Programs for Men
- Applied Computer Applications
- Office Technology

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ALL CAREER AREAS INCLUDE
- Career Counseling
- Workshops and Assessments
- Job Preparation
- Information & Referral Networking
- Academic Preparation & Tutoring
- Career and Transfer Assistance
- Employer Contacts and Placement

The Perkins III VTEA grant, Project ACE-Achieving Career Equity in Nontraditional Occupations offers support for individuals in specific career areas considered non-traditional for gender, where individuals employed in those occupational areas comprise less than 25% of that gender. For information on these services provided contact:

Project ACE - Achieving Career Equity in Nontraditional Occupations
Finger Lakes Community College
Center for Advisement and Personal Development/Career Services Office
Contact: Laura Rakoczy at (716) 394-3500 ext. 7637
Email: rakoczla@flcc.edu
Access your potential

Making decisions about career options that will affect your future can be exciting, confusing, or even overwhelming. Let us help you set goals and a plan of action that will access your potential.

Career Exploration
Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) – Knowing your own preferences can help you understand where your special strengths are and what kinds of work you might enjoy and be successful doing.
Discover on-line – Helps you explore occupations, consider occupational choices and career decisions based on your interests and self-rated work related abilities and values.
Strong Interest Inventory – Measures your level of comfort regarding work style, learning environment, leadership style, risk taking and may help you make decisions about particular work environments, educational settings, and types of occupations you would find satisfying.
Career Explorations – a three-credit course designed to assist the student in all phases of career planning and placement, including resume writing and interviewing techniques.

Personal and Career Counseling
Explore personal issues that are preventing you from accomplishing your goals with support and encouragement

Gender Equity Education
Don’t let gender role stereotypes narrow your range of options! We will help you explore careers that are nontraditional for your gender that may provide a higher level of pay, job flexibility, and satisfaction.

Concentrate on your goals

Project ACE will help you acquire the level of education, training and skill development you need to succeed.

Job Search Assistance
Put together a resume, learn how to interview effectively, and participate in employer network opportunities. Take advantage of special monthly seminars and workshops that will help you in your professional job search.

Training on the Job
We will provide information and contacts to help you find internships, cooperative education placements, apprenticeships and work experience in the community to assist you with your job skills outside the classroom.

Transfer Advisement
Find out which 4-year institutions have articulation agreements with FLCC that will lead to a seamless transfer for you in your pursuit of educational and career goals. Meet with representatives on campus several times during the year to assist with your academic planning.

Explore your resources to achieve success

Overcome stereotypical, discouraging obstacles and build on your strengths to achieve your goals and career success

Tutoring and Study Skills
Individual academic skills tutoring can be arranged through the Academic Support Center to help you succeed in school.

Information-Referral and Scholarships
We can help you and your family find the resources and assistance you need to solve difficult problems.

Child Care
The Child Care Center offers students an on-campus, NYS licensed, accredited child care program. This service is available Monday through Friday from 7:30am – 5:30pm twelve months of the year.