

## Applying Responsibility Talents in Careers

- Make an appointment with a career counselor to talk about how to begin the career planning process. The sense of psychological ownership this step creates will engage you in the process and energize you to follow through.
- Interview people who are currently in jobs that interest you. Shadow them to see what they really do day in and day out.
- You often take the initiative, and you always follow through, so you do not need a lot of supervision. Select work in which you can be given more and more responsibility as you progressively achieve.
- Building trusting relationships with others is important to you, so choose environments in which you can surround yourself with dependable, trustworthy people. When selecting a team to join, be sure the others members are known for pulling their weight.
- Managing others could be a frustrating experience for you, as their standards of responsibility might not match your own.
- You will be most productive in environments where you can fully follow through on the commitments you make to others.
- Choose a work environment that focuses on outcomes rather than processes. Talk to law clerks, librarians, and executive assistants to see what they find rewarding about their work.

## Applying Responsibility Talents in Academics

- Prepare for the term by listing the dates of all tests, projects, and papers.
- Ask professors and successful students to show you what an "A" paper and an "A" essay look like.
- Think about what it would mean to be a truly responsible student. Work toward that standard in a progressive manner, taking one step at a time.
- Strive to always work ahead. Read ahead and work problems before the professor has presented them in class.