**COURSE:** HORTICULTURE II

**UNIT B:** SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

**COMPETENCY:** HM02.00 Design a school-to-work employment plan based upon career objectives.

**OBJECTIVE:** HM02.01 Describe the procedures to follow in planning and implementing a school-to-work employment plan.

A. Factors to Consider When Selecting a Career

1. Standard of living – Pay, location

2. Personal contact – working more with people or with things

3. Educational requirements

4. Practice experiences or skills required

5. Location of employment

6. Your interests, likes and dislikes

7. Working conditions

8. Working hours and time for leisure activities

9. Retirement benefits

10. Your health and happiness

B. Steps in Choosing a Career

1. “Consider your interests, abilities, and other characteristics” should be the first step

2. Narrow the field of jobs

3. Study the requirement of the job – get good information

4. Plan for alternative occupations – the first choice may not work out

5. Prepare a plan for career preparation – early career planning can help you take the right courses in high school.

6. Be willing to pay the price for success – education, dedication

7. Get work experience – SAE, coop., part-time job

C. For a school-to-work written plan to be effective, it must be implemented.