

Unit 4 – Career Research Paper and Presentation Assignment

Due date: _____

Use class resources, the internet, personal interviews, as well as other sources to help you get as much information about a career you are interested in pursuing.

Address all the questions below and format your research in the following manner:

- Write/type a 3+ page paper (Cover and Works Cited do not count in total)
- Size 12 Times New Roman font
- Double spaced
- Left margins/Block style
- Cover Page (your name, title of paper, class, date, and instructor's name)
- Page numbers
- Six sources, at least two different types (book, magazine, interview, web site, journal, TV, radio, etc.)
- Works Cited page (MLA or APA format)
- Use this research to create a 10-15 minute presentation with corresponding PowerPoint (at least four slides) to share your research information with the class.

Questions to answer in your paper

1. Education & Training

- a. What is the minimum education required for this job? Maximum?
- b. How many years of study are involved? At what cost?
- c. Where would you obtain this education? (On-the-job training, technical school, college, or university?)
- d. What are the entrance requirements for this school? How many years will you need to complete?

2. Job Skills, Talents, & Experience

- a. What special skills, talents, or personality traits are necessary for this occupation?
- b. Where could you gain experience now for this career?
- c. In what ways are you suited for this career?
- d. What personality characteristics or skills do you currently possess that you believe will benefit you in this career?

3. Earnings

- a. What is the standard beginning wage for this job in this area? Elsewhere in the region?
- b. What is the maximum salary you can expect in this area? Elsewhere in the region?
- c. What factors affect the salary range?
- d. What expenses are involved in setting yourself up in this profession?
- e. How can these costs be financed?

4. Benefits/Health Factors

- a. What health benefits are available to employees?
- b. What health and safety issues are involved in this occupation?
- c. What other benefits might this occupation include: vacation time, retirement plan, perks?

5. Employment

- a. What is the prospect for employment in this occupation?
- b. What factors influence the availability of jobs in this field?
- c. What is the growth potential for this job?

6. Typical Day

- a. Describe a typical day for a person in this job.
- b. What are the usual hours?
- c. What are the best parts of the day?
- d. What would be the most challenging?

7. Conclusion

- a. What did you learn that you didn't know before?
- b. Do you still think this is a good career for you?
- c. What else would you like to know?

8. Works Cited

- a. Attach a page with a list of the resources you used to gather all your information.