Future Career Aspirations and Goals Essay

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Introduction

My name is Elijah Creighton, and I am a senior studying Information Science with a concentration in Web Development Technology. My major is very relevant to my career as I plan to go into the web development field full time after I graduate. When I am immersed in the field of web development, I envision working in both the front-end and back-end to develop websites and web applications. It may involve anything between building a website from scratch or simply maintaining and debugging someone else's work, and that is why I enjoy it so much. Finding a solution to some problematic code is why I selected this career. I always had an interest in the internet and computers, but it never truly crossed over into the development side of things until I tried it at USF. After discovering my love for creating web sites and software in college, I have had some difficulty pulling myself away from my IDE.

Academic and Skill Development

Prior to my enrollment at USF my experience in the area of web development was very minimal. I had written a few lines of HTML in high school but didn't take to it fully until college. Since then, I have developed multiple websites and software applications in various markup and coding languages. Much of this was done in school and in my free time as I have yet to gain any work experience.

I hadn't visited the USF Career Services website prior to writing this essay but I plan to use it going forward. I also have yet to attend any of the Career Services events or Career Express appointments, although I do plan to attend one of the events coming up later this week. I am searching for internship opportunities via Handshake and LinkedIn. As I stated earlier, I do

not have any particular internship or job experience at the moment, although I am currently

working to resolve that.

In the meantime, I have done and continue to do a great deal of research on my chosen

career. I would primarily use online resources although I have definitely gained a lot through

simply attending my courses at USF. Some resources I have used to gain a better understanding

of the coding languages and general workflow associated with my future career are some of the

online tutorials at w3schools, Sololearn, and Codeacademy, but there are countless other sources

that I have used to gain a better understanding of the field.

Conclusion

What am I planning on doing going forward? Well, I am currently applying for various

web development intern and entry level positions. I also am planning on doing some freelance

work on the side to gain a bit more experience and fill out my portfolio. I hope to land a position

prior to my graduation at the end of the semester so that I can make the switch to a higher entry

level position.

In conclusion, I aim to work in both front-end and back-end development, creating

websites and web applications for businesses small and large. My interest in web development

was ignited during my time at USF, despite having minimal prior experience in the field.

However, while I lack formal work experience, I am actively seeking internship opportunities

through platforms like Handshake and LinkedIn. Additionally, I have supplemented my

knowledge with online resources such as w3schools, Sololearn, Codeacademy, and many other

online resources as well as insights gained from coursework to better understand the coding

languages and workflows associated with my chosen career path.