

CAREER GUIDANCE REPORT

About the Mentee:

About:

Name: Lumka Modiba

Age: 17

Education Level: Grade 11

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Current Employment Status: Unemployed

Interests:

- **Cooking:** Passionate about culinary arts, she views food as a primary means of expressing affection and bringing joy to others. Mastery of this skill not only provides her with a deep sense of personal satisfaction but also a profound connection to her environment.

Skills:

- **Hard skill:** Academic proficiency.
- **Soft skills:** Singing and dancing.
- **Interpersonal Skills:** Demonstrates excellence in relationship-building, understanding complex issues, adapting to new environments, and clearly conveying ideas and information. She is naturally inclined towards roles that involve collaboration, problem-solving, and effective communication.
- **Analytical Skills:** Strong aptitude for research and data analysis.

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Career Paths

Path 1: Medicine

- **Overview:** Pursuing a career in medicine involves acquiring extensive knowledge of human biology, including anatomy, physiology, and biochemistry, as well as an in-depth understanding of diseases and various medical practices. Potential career paths following medical studies include roles such as pathologist, nurse, dietitian, and cardiologist.
- **Reasons for Consideration:** Lumka is drawn to this career path due to her deep passion for assisting individuals in need and enthusiasm for interacting with new people - a significant aspect of the field. Additionally, the potential for a lucrative salary is appealing, as it offers strong financial support for her future.
- **Potential Industries or Sectors:** Healthcare administration and management, Clinical medicine, Specialised medicine and military medicine.
- **Skills Required:**
 - **Communication skills:** Essential for establishing rapport with patients, simplifying medical terminology for better understanding, and collaborating effectively within healthcare teams.
 - **Analytical skills:** Necessary for interpreting complex medical information, diagnosing conditions, and creating tailored treatment plans based on patient needs.
 - **Adaptation for a lifetime:** The field of medicine is continually evolving, requiring practitioners to engage in ongoing education. Staying current with emerging technologies, treatments, and research findings is crucial for maintaining up-to-date knowledge and skills.
- **Free Programs to Gain Skills:**
 - **Class Central:** Offers a variety of free courses under the “Health & Medicine Courses and Certifications” section, providing foundational knowledge in the field.
 - **Coursera:** Provides free courses covering the basics of medicine, with the added benefit of receiving a certificate upon successful completion of a course.

Hiring Companies:

- Clinton Health Access Initiative - Pretoria
- Pharmachem Laboratories, Pty Ltd - Centurion
- FHI Clinic Inc - Pretoria Metropolitan Area

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Path 2: Private Investigator

- **Overview:** The primary role of a private investigator is to collect information about individuals or groups on behalf of their clients. Responsibilities include conducting investigations, performing background checks, and researching various types of information related to the person or entity of interest.
- **Reasons for Consideration:** Lumka has a natural aptitude for problem-solving and possesses strong emotional intelligence, which is crucial for managing sensitive information and maintaining professionalism in this role. Her passion for the work outweighs concerns about income, as she is deeply committed to the field. Additionally, this career aligns with her desire to assist others and seek justice for individuals who have been treated unfairly.
- **Potential Industries or Sectors:** Identity theft investigator, Insurance fraud investigator, wrongful death investigator and domestic abuse investigator.
- **Skills Required:**
 - **Communication skills:** Essential for interacting with a diverse range of individuals, including interviewing witnesses and collaborating with law enforcement. Effective communication is crucial for the success of investigations.
 - **Confidentiality:** Handling sensitive information with discretion is vital, both to meet legal requirements and to build trust with clients. Maintaining confidentiality is key to a successful career in this field.
 - **Photography skills:** Proficiency in photography is important for documenting evidence and gathering information. High-quality photographic evidence contributes to the accuracy and reliability of investigations.
- **Free Programs to Gain Skills:**
 - **Alison:** Offers a course titled “Becoming a Private Detective” with CPD (Continuing Professional Development) accreditation, providing valuable training and credentials for aspiring private investigators.

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Hiring Companies:

- **List potential companies that hire for this career path.**
 - Absa - Johannesburg Metropolitan Area (Investigator)
 - Irdeto - Randburg (Anti-Piracy Investigator)
 - Hire Resolve SA, Executive Recruitment Agency - Pretoria (Financial Crime Investigator)

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Additional Recommendations

Networking Opportunities:

- **University Events:** Attend open days, workshops, or alumni gatherings hosted by universities to gain insights into your field of interest and build professional connections.
- **Online Platforms:** Utilise platforms such as LinkedIn to connect with professionals in your desired field. This can help you explore career opportunities, network with industry experts, and gain a clearer understanding of what to expect after completing your degree.

Professional Organisations:

Membership in professional organisations provides valuable networking opportunities, support, and resources specific to your field. These organisations often host industry-specific events, conferences, and workshops, which can significantly enhance your knowledge and career prospects.

Mentorship Programs:

Engaging in mentorship programs offers personalised guidance and support for professional development. These programs provide deeper insights into your chosen field and help expand your professional network, facilitating growth and career advancement.

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