

**Career Research Paper-Assignment #2**

While many of you have specific career goals, a number of students are undecided, or not fully informed about the career they are planning to pursue. Many students change their career goals as they move through college. As a follow-up to the Professional Practitioner Interview assignment, for this paper, you will complete research about your personal career interests and about the career of your choice.

**Career Exploration:**

* + Visit the Sac State Career Center Website at www.csus.edu/careercenter and review the many resources.
  + Visit the “Career Planning Process” section of the website, and review the Self Exploration Activities at:

“Featured Tools”

* Complete both Career Planning Foundations “My Career Planning Involvement and My Academic Strengths” – print out your results page.
* Complete all Five “Self Assessments” - print out all Five results pages

Attach “All” results to your paper

**Write a research paper of about four pages in which you:**

* Reflect on the worksheets you completed from the Career Center Website. What did these worksheets tell you about your career interests and skills? Were they helpful to you in exploring career options?
* Discuss your planned career in detail. What is a typical day like? What are the working conditions? Expected pay range? Conduct research to gather this information, and site your sources.
* **Explain how this career would match your personal interests and skills.** If there are areas where it is not a perfect match, discuss how you will handle this.
* **Research what is required to work in this field** (education, certification or licensing, etc.) Is the education you need available at Sac State? If not, what school would provide the required degree? Will you require additional education beyond your undergraduate degree?
* **Do some research on employment opportunities** – is there a reasonable expectation of getting a job in this field? (A good source - [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov))
* Reflect on how your professional practitioner interview (Assignment 1) impacted your projected career decision.

You must use at least two outside sources, and cite them in APA format.

Your paper should be about four pages long, not including your reference list, or attached worksheets.

**Submission:**

* A hard copy of this paper must be turned in. Remember to attach grade sheet, works cited, and the worksheets from the Career Center website.

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Turned In :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**RPTA 21 – Career Research Paper**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **Available Points** | **Points received** |
| Grammar/Mechanics   * Format (Margins, heading, page number, etc.) * Appropriate in-text citation * Grammar, Spelling * Sentence structure * Organization/paragraph development | 20 |  |
| Clear opening and closing paragraphs | 5 |  |
| Discussion of career exploration activities | 10 |  |
| Discussion of research into selected career, including all required information and at least two outside sources. | 40 |  |
| Attachment of completed worksheets from the Career Center Website | 15 |  |
| Reference Page in APA format | 10 |  |
| Deduction for missing due date |  |  |
| Total | 100 |  |

|  |
| --- |
| **Honor Pledge**  On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this assignment.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Student Name (Print) Student Name (Signature) |