

CAREER RESEARCH REPORT

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" When you were 5 and someone asked that question, you had 3 or 4 careers already chosen. You knew what you wanted to be and were totally confident that you would achieve your dream. Now that you're in high school, some of you are a little less sure about what you want to be. In fact, some of you may not have a clue. Don't despair! Help is available!

In this unit you will find out what careers may suit you based on your interests. You will then have the opportunity to discover what a person with that career does, how much they make, and what education or training is required for someone in that profession.

Step One: Career Cruising (You don't have to do this – take from your personality survey from another website like the FREE CAREER TEST at <https://www.careerfitter.com/>)

Complete the Career Cruising survey to narrow down the job field to one that may interest you. Try to be specific with the job so your Career Research Report is as focused as possible. If you already know exactly what you want to do as a career, take the survey anyway to find out your other options. It is ALWAYS good to have options because you don't know where life may lead you.

What career did you choose? _____

Step Two: Research

The following is a list of reputable websites. They contain lots of information about various careers. Utilize these sites for your research. These are the sites you will include on your Works Cited page and the in-text citations when you write your paper, so keep track of WHERE you got the information that you plan to use.

In addition to these sites, you must find at least one additional website not included on this list for a total of four resources required (minimum).

America's Career Info Net: <http://www.acinet.org/acinet/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics career site for children: <http://www.bls.gov/k12/>

Career Magazine: <http://www.careermag.com/>

Occupational Information Network: <http://online.onetcenter.org/>

Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Salary.com: www.salary.com

Step Three: Writing the Research Paper

In your research paper identify the following using side headings:

- ❑ Introduction (no side heading needed)
- ❑ Description of Career (Work)
- ❑ Working Conditions
- ❑ Education, Training and Certification
- ❑ Wages, Benefits, and Earnings
- ❑ Employment Outlook
- ❑ Conclusion/Summary/Self-Assessment Comparison
 - **Hint:** This is where you make a statement as to whether or not you would choose this career and summarize why. Now that you know more about the career, explain why or (why not) it fits (or doesn't fit) **YOU** specifically.

Your report should be **4 to 5 pages** (including works cited). Only include the most important information in your report. You must have a minimum of **4** references (3 Internet sites from the list and 1 site of your own) and in-text citations.

*****Wikipedia is NOT an acceptable/credible source for research.** Find other, more credible sources for this requirement.

Step Four: Editing

Use the following rubric to self-evaluate your paper. Do not turn in the rubric. When finished, your paper must be reviewed by the Writing Center. To be eligible for full credit, staple the ***final revised*** copy of the paper on top of the ***draft copy*** drawn on by the Writing Center and turn in.

Evaluation Category						
Introduction	0	1	2	3	4	
	No paragraph introducing the topic	Introduction provided but with minimal detail	Introduction provided with some detail	Introduction provided with adequate detail	Introduction well constructed and properly sets up the content	
Description of Career	0	1	2	3	4	
	No responses or reflections are provided	Career/nature of work described with little or minimal details	Career/nature of work described with some detail	Career/nature of work described with adequate details	Career/nature of work described with specific details about career and pathways	
Working Conditions	0	1	2	3	4	
	No responses or reflections are provided	Working conditions described with little or minimal details	Working conditions described with some detail	Working conditions described with adequate details	Working conditions described with specific details and sophistication	
Education, Training, and Certification	0	1	2	3	4	
	No responses or reflections are provided	Career education and training described with little or minimal details	Career education and training described with some detail	Career education and training described with adequate details	Career education and training described with specific details and elaboration	
Wages, Benefits, and Earnings	0	1	2	3	4	
	No responses or reflections are provided	Career wages and benefits described with little or minimal details	Career wages and benefits described with some detail	Career wages and benefits described with adequate details	Career wages and benefits described with specific details and elaboration	
Employment Outlook	0	1	2	3	4	
	No responses or reflections are provided	Employment outlook includes little or minimal details of state and national trends	Employment outlook described with some details of state and national trends	Employment outlook described with adequate details of state and national trends	Employment outlook described with specific details and elaboration of state and national trends	
Conclusion/Summary/ Self-Assessment	0	1	2	3	4	
	No responses or reflections are provided	Summary provides weak conclusion to report Self- assessment comparison of career includes little or minimal details	Summary provides some conclusion and main points Self- assessment comparison of career described with some details	Summary provides solid conclusion and reviews main points. Self-assessment comparison of career described with adequate details	Summary provides strong conclusion, reviews critical facts of report. Self- assessment of career described with specific details	
MLA Format	0	1	2	3	4	
	Report, references, in-text citations and title page do not follow MLA format	Report, references, in-text citations, and title page minimally follow MLA format	Report, references, in-text citations and title page follow MLA format with some errors	Report, references, in-text citations and title page follow MLA format with minor errors	Report, references, in-text citations and title page follow MLA format with no formatting errors	
Writing Center Review (Optional)	0			4		
	Draft was not reviewed and not included			Draft was reviewed and included and applicable changes were made or justified		
Length& Resources	0			4		
	Report does not meet requirements of length and number of resources			Report meets length requirement and number of resources		
Conventions	1		2		3	4
	Frequent errors in grammar, capitalization, punctuation, usage, spelling and paragraphing		Moderate errors in grammar, capitalization, punctuation, usage, spelling and paragraphing		Minor errors in grammar, capitalization, punctuation, usage, spelling and paragraphing	Correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, usage, spelling and paragraphing