**CAREER EXPLORATION ASSIGNMENT**

This research project will help start your thinking about your future education plans and the specifics in different careers. You will be using the Internet to do an in-depth study on ***three*** different careers that you are interested in. You will be looking for information on the various topics below. For each section you can combine your information into paragraph form or answer the questions individually. Please ensure that you answer all questions using complete sentences.

1. **Educational and Training requirements**
   * How many years of school?
   * What level of education and/or training would I need? What pre-requisites are required for this area?
   * How many years of study are involved (Do you need an associate’s degree? Bachelor’s degree? Specialized training?)?
   * Where would you obtain this education/training (On-the-job training, junior college, technical school, college, or university)?
   * List 2-3 places that you could go to receive this type of training/education?
   * Calculate the cost of attending the institution for a year. Include room, board, tuition and any other related expenses.
2. **Required Skills**
   * What skills does the career require?
   * Do you have to have these skills in order to have this career?
   * What special skills or talents are necessary for this occupation?
   * Where could you gain experience?
3. **Salary**
   * What is the annual salary or hourly rate?
   * Does it stay the same or does it increase annually?
   * What is the least you could make? Most?
   * Does education make a difference in salary?
4. **Job Duties & Type of Work**
   * What is the job description? (job duties, responsibilities, or nature of work)
   * What hours/days are required to work?
   * Is this a career that can be found in any city?
   * Is this work done inside or outdoors?
5. **Job Benefits & Job Drawbacks**

* What are the benefits of this career?
* What are some things that may not be so great about the career?

1. **Future Outlook**
   * Would I be able to move ahead (advancement opportunities)?
   * Will there be very many jobs available in my career?
   * What is the growth or job outlook like for your job?
   * What is the salary range for this career?
   * What can you expect to be paid for a beginning salary in this career field?
2. **Personal opinion**

* After completing the research, does the career still interest you? Why or why not? Do you see yourself in this job in 15 years? Why or why not?
* Do you have the required subjects, marks, work ethic, etc. to be eligible for, and successful in, this career? Be realistic. If not, what changes might you make in order to plan for a career in this field?
* Indicate why you selected this job. Give your personal reasoning for why you wanted this career.
* What new information did you learn about the career you researched? Is there anything else you would like to share about doing this project? You may include any additional facts and thoughts about the career you have researched.

1. **Sources**

* What are your sources of information? (Keep track of where you get your information so that you can cite your sources.)

**Helpful websites**

<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/explorecareers>

<https://www.myplan.com/>

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/outlookreport/location/geo0004>

<https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/joboutlook>

<https://www.canadianbusiness.com/lists-and-rankings/best-jobs/2014-full-ranking-canada-100-best-jobs/>

<https://www.canadianbusiness.com/lists-and-rankings/best-jobs/best-jobs-2018-top-25/>

<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/LMI_bulletin.do>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/labour-market>

<https://www.eco.ca/research/labour-market-information/>

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/71-222-x/71-222-x2008001-eng.htm>

<http://www.careerdatabase.net/>

<https://settlement.org/ontario/employment/working-in-canada/labour-market-information/>

<https://canadabusiness.ca/business-planning/market-research-and-statistics/labour-and-employment-data/>

<https://www.payscale.com/research/CA/Country=Canada/Salary>

<https://neuvoo.ca/salary/>

<https://www.livingin-canada.com/work-salaries-wages-canada.html>

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