

# CAREER RESEARCH PAPER

**Format:** 3 pages, double-spaced, typed, #12 font

**Content:**

1. For the Career Research Paper, choose a career that interests you or one suggested by the career assessments done in the class. Answer these questions:
  - Describe the career. What are the typical job duties?
  - Why are you interested in this career?
  - Are certain personality types and skills desired and/or required? How does your personality type match this career or not?
  - What are the interest codes for this career? How does your interests and values match this career?
  - What are some advantages and disadvantages of working in this career?
  - What type of environment will you be working in?
  - What is a typical day, week, month, year?
  - What is the salary or pay? Part time? Full time?
  - What is the job outlook? Is there a demand or not in this field. How difficult or not difficult is it to gain employment in this career?
  - What are the educational requirements? Licensures?
  - What are related majors or majors needed for this career?
  - What are related occupations for this career? Research other occupations similar that may be of interest.
  - What are the growth opportunities?
  - What interesting facts did you discover?
  - Extra: Find a job advertisement on this career and paste it on a piece of paper or download it from a website (extra)
2. To research your career, use at least 4 sources of information:
  - Computer
  - Texts, E-books, Articles, Library Research - <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/academics/support/library/more-resources/careers.aspx>
  - Informational Interview (It is encouraged you use an interview with a person in your career of interest. Included is a separate sheet that talks about Informational Interviews and possible questions to ask.)
  - The CHOICES Planner and DWYA Assessments you took in class will answer a variety of these questions and help you in your research (go back to Week One for DWYA report is in your CollegeScope portfolio and Week Seven in the Db CHOICES Planner Portfolio).
  - Look at the course calendar under Week 8 for additional resources: <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/people/cindy-morrin/counseling-120-online/schedule.aspx>
3. Include a "Works Cited" listing of the sources you used. For computer sources, list the Web address and date accessed. Remember to ask a Librarian for help.
4. Visit the Career Center to get help researching. Bring your logins to CHOICES Planner and Blackboard. Peer Advisors and Counselors will help you. [www.cuyamaca.edu/career](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/career) and 619-660-4436.