

CAREER RESEARCH PAPER REQUIREMENTS

Using library and Internet resources, you will gather information about a career that you are interested in pursuing. Try to address as many of the following questions as possible. At the end of your paper, include a reference to the source(s) you used.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- ❑ What is the minimum education required for this job? Maximum?
- ❑ How many years of study are involved? At what cost?
- ❑ Where would you obtain this education? (On-the-job training, junior college, technical school, college, or university?)
- ❑ What are the entrance requirements for these training schools? How many years? Post graduate?

JOB SKILLS, TALENTS AND EXPERIENCE

- ❑ What special skills, talents, or personality traits are necessary for this occupation?
- ❑ Where could you gain experience?
- ❑ In what ways are you suited for this career?
- ❑ What personality characteristics or skills do you currently possess that you believe will benefit you in this career?

EARNINGS

- ❑ What is the standard beginning wage for this job? In this area? Elsewhere?
- ❑ What is the maximum salary you can expect? Here? Elsewhere?
- ❑ What factors effect the salary range?
- ❑ What expenses are involved in setting yourself up in this profession?
- ❑ How can these start up costs be financed, underwritten, or deferred?

BENEFITS/HEALTH FACTORS?

- ❑ What health benefits are available to employees?
- ❑ What health and safety issues are involved in this occupation?
- ❑ What other benefits might this occupation include: vacation time, retirement plan, perks?

EMPLOYMENT

- ❑ What is the prospect for employment in this occupation?
- ❑ What factors influence the availability of jobs in this field?
- ❑ What is the growth potential for this job?

TYPICAL DAY

- ❑ Describe a typical day for a person in this job.
- ❑ What are the usual hours?
- ❑ What are the best parts of the day?
- ❑ What would be the most challenging?

APPTITUDE

- ❑ What personality traits/skills do you possess that would make you suited for this job?
- ❑ What "real life" experiences have you had that have prepared you?