**Career Research**

**One of the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime is choosing your career. You need to make sure it will be something you will enjoy, works with your values, allows you to provide for your needs and some wants, and assists you in meeting your financial goals. While this assignment will not complete your final career decision, it will help you learn the process of researching a career, and perhaps assist you in at least identifying a broad career field you may be interested in.**

**Directions: Please follow the steps identified below to research your potential career, and then answer the questions below.**

* **Go to the website** [**WWW.bls.gov**](http://WWW.bls.gov) **(Bureau of Labor Statistics)**
* **Look for the “Search Box” in the upper right-hand corner of your screen.**
* **Type in your preferred career, and click the search button, i.e. chef, welder, doctor, cosmetologist, teacher, accountant, scientist, cabinet maker, software engineer, nurse, etc.**
1. **Career Researched: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Salary range you can expect to earn: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **Amount of education or training required: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
4. **Types of licensure required (i.e. license to practice medicine, law, cosmetology, dentistry, or**

**certification as an accountant, welder, plumber, electrician, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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1. **What are three personal characteristics or abilities required to work in this area?**
2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
4. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
5. **What are three typical tasks a person in this career would perform in day-to-day activities?**
6. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
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9. **What are three working conditions of this career (i.e. working outdoors, standing all day, strenuous physical activity, etc.)?**
10. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
11. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
12. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
13. **What is the occupational outlook for this career (future demand)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
14. **Name at least one related occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
15. **State your opinion as to why this would be a good occupation for you: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**