

## **North Arkansas College**

### **FYE 2901 – First Year Experience**

#### **Career Project Assignment**

At this point in your life, what is your current career choice? If you are undecided, choose a career that you are interested in learning more about. Based on this idea, research this career using the following methods:

- Internet and Library Resources
- Occupational Outlook Handbook, online link available at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>
- Interview with an individual currently employed in this profession
- Interview with a Northark Academic Counselor.

You are required to respond to the following list of questions as you prepare your final paper.

1. Define this career and the characteristics associated with those employed in the field.
2. How much education is required at the college level in order to prepare for this career?
3. What are the normal working hours?
4. What is the current salary and what is the future outlook for continued growth in the field including job opportunity and stability?
5. How much public speaking is involved in this career?
6. What type (and to what extent) of writing, reading and math are required as part of the job?
7. If you were to have a family, how would you manage your time and stay motivated to continue in this field?
8. Based on your own personal learning style, what strategies can you apply to increase the probability of success in your chosen career path?
9. What kind of stress is involved in this career? What strategies will you employ to manage this stress (remember potential outside stressors, as well.)?
10. What exams or certifications are required to be licensed or other further education?

Your final project will be shared with a poster presentation at the end of this course. Each week you will be required to address one of the components listed above. Weekly papers must be typed, double spaced, and use proper grammar and punctuation. References must be cited according to MLA or APA format. You may choose the format you wish to use, but be consistent.

You will be required to keep an organized binder and each week prepare a response to the question related to the topic covered. Your ongoing progress will be checked each week.

#### **FYE COURSE OUTCOMES:**

##### **Demonstrate successful adjustment to college as evidenced by:**

1. Usage of the Northark Portal System

2. Identification of various Northark College resources such as Student Services, Library, Business Office, Learning Assistance Center, Career Pathways, Career Services, IT Services, etc.

Measured by: Library Scavenger Hunt, Campus Tour, Online Discussion Board, Portal Usage, Career Project

**Exhibit skills necessary for academic success at the college level:**

1. Time management
2. Study Skills, Learning Styles Strategies, Critical Thinking, Interviewing Techniques and Effective Communication (written, oral and electronic)
3. Test taking skills and strategies
4. Use of Technology

Measured by: Time Management Calendar, VARK Assessment, Email, Online Discussion Board, Career Project

**Establish a comprehensive career plan:**

1. Discuss potential career and/or employment opportunities with an academic advisor and an individual already established in the field.
2. Conduct research on chosen career using the Internet/Library resources.
3. Present career project to class.

Measured by: Career Project

**Develop greater self-awareness related to the following life skills:**

1. Personal Time Management
2. Relationship Building (including value identification, diversity, personal and social safety)
3. Financial Planning
4. Professionalism (including netiquette)
5. Managing Stress

Measured by: Time Management Calendar, Career Project, Online Discussion Board

**POINT BREAKDOWN FOR CAREER PROJECT:**

**Career Project will be worth 500 points or 50 percent of the final grade**

- o 5% from weekly progress check by instructor (3 points per weekly check)
- o 10% from using standard English—grammar and mechanics (50 points)
- o 85% final project presentation (425 points) – 40 points per topic for covering the 8 topics listed in the Career Project description page, 100 points for the quality of the presentation (professional appearance, neatness, legibility, etc.)