IRP Activity 3: Exploring A Career Option

This research project is designed to help you explore an occupation that interests you in more depth. If you have just completed IRP Activity 1: Completing Career Matchmaker or IRP Activity 2: Using Career Selector and you have your list of suggested careers on the computer screen, you can click on the career you want to explore and skip ahead to step #4.

1. Go to www.careercruising.com and enter your username and password. Click on Log In.

2. On the Main page, click on the Careers link in the top menu bar. In the box beside Keyword Search, enter the name of a career that you would like to pursue or have seriously considered (e.g., nurse, welder, web designer, or helicopter pilot). Click on Search.

If you are having trouble finding a career, use the Index to search alphabetically.

3. Once you have found a career that interests you, click on it.

   Career: ________________________________________________

4. Read the Job Description section. Write down three of the main tasks that people in this career perform.

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5. Read the Working Conditions, Earnings, and Sample Career Path sections. How does what you learned compare with your expectations? (e.g., are the working conditions or earnings different from what you expected?)

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6. Click the Education link and read through that section. In your own words, explain the education and/or training you need to pursue this career.

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Click on one of the two interviews.

Person’s name: ______________________________________________________________________

7. Click on the links to learn more about the person’s occupation. The Likes, Dislikes, and Advice answers come in sound or video clips, and you can see a sample of a typical work day by clicking on A Day In The Life. Write down three important things that you learned about the career from this interview. (e.g., advice to people who want to go into this career or what personal characteristics are important for success in this occupation)

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Now go to the other interview.

Person’s name: ______________________________________________________________________

8. Go through this interview and write down two things that you learned about the career from it.

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Final Thoughts

9. Now that you have learned more about this career, are you still interested in pursuing it yourself? Why or why not?

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You can print the career profile by clicking on the Printer Friendly icon.

You can save careers to your Plan by clicking on the Save To My Plan button. If you have already created a Plan, enter your personal username and password in the appropriate spaces and click Login. If not, create a Plan to store your work by clicking on Create My Plan and following the instructions.

You can also do more research on this career using the Internet. Click on the Other Resources link in the career profile for links to organizations and websites that offer additional information.