Career Exploration Paper

Introduction — Give an overview of the content of the paper and identify your area of study and degree program at ECU. (*This portion of the paper should be brief)*Program Requirements — What degree are you pursuing? What do you need to do to prepare for entry into that school? Will you have to attend graduate school? If so, which are the best in the field? Which schools would you like to attend? Also, include the minimum GPA requirement for acceptance into the program. State whether or not your program has a limited enrollment. After Graduation — What jobs are you prepared to pursue upon graduation? Indicate what the expected job outlook is related to the availability of these jobs. State any certification, continuing education or training you will need after graduation. Use solid statistics for your job market and be realistic. Look at data in the major journals of your field.

Overview of Work Environment — Describe the specific work environment in which you will be working. Describe aspects about the field that interests you. What are some of the current topics in your field that interest you? (*hint: start thinking about paper two*)

Professional Interviews — Interview someone in your chosen field (either in person, by phone or by email). Be sure to identify in your paper: the person's name, job title, and place of employment. (See John’s outline for question topics.)

Job Outlook — What experience or knowledge is required to do your job?What types of projects, assignments or deadlines must you meet each day (a typical day on the job)? Does your job require overtime and what is your work schedule? Typical salary range? What preparation or courses did you find necessary or helpful upon entering the job? What is the biggest challenge you encounter?

Conclusion — Summarize the content of your paper. Discuss the influence this paper has had on your choice of degree. Include any thoughts you might have about changing your degree.6-8 pages, properly formatted, APA-style with references.

Please see the checklist for all additional requirements.

Week 1: Collect

Week 2: Process

Week 3: Note-Taking

Week 4: Write

Week 5: Revise

Week 6: Submit