



College and Career Research Paper Requirements

The objectives of this research paper are to focus on your career aspirations as well as demonstrate research and proper documentation skills. To accomplish this you will need to meet set deadlines, participate in the library research sessions and compose a documented research paper written to the specifications of the assignment.

I. Content - Your paper must include information on the following:

- A. **Three** education/training requirements - a.k.a. colleges, trade or tech. programs, military, etc)
 - 1. These can be safety, target and reach schools or just options for your post-secondary goals
 - 2. Be specific in research include details like the following:
 - a. tuition, enrollment, majors offered, job placement, scholarships, financial aid, athletic/extracurricular, etc.
 - b. for trade or military – look at qualifications needed, programs offered, cost, skills you will gain/certifications, goals of the program/branch of the military, and the “end game” of the program
- B. Job requirements
 - 1. skills
 - 2. working conditions
- C. Projected/Average Compensation
 - 1. salary estimates
 - 2. benefits (standard as well as “perks”)
- D. Job Availability
 - 1. Placement
 - 2. Future –meaning advancement opportunities and longevity of career
- E. Length
 - 1. 4-6 pages, typed, double spaced
 - 2. **MUST HAVE internal citations**
 - 3. **3 sources minimum**
 - 4. Works Cited Page (DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD YOUR CONTENT PAGES)

DEADLINES:

- 2-3 page DETAILED outline – WITH SOURCES due:
- Complete Rough Draft with internal citations due:
- Peer Review Conference due:
- FINAL RESEARCH PAPER WITH WORKS CITED due:
- Informative Speeches due:

To receive FULL Credit – you must hand in the process of the paper including: outline, draft, peer conference and final paper with works cited

First –Get Motivated and Get Competitive!

- Most of the jobs that will be available (about 70% - 80%) in about 15 years haven't even been invented yet, and the only way to prepare for an unknown future is to get a strong academic foundation.
- A college degree can increase earnings by \$23,000 or more annually over a high school diploma.
- Doing homework in high school can increase annual wages by 35%.
- Completing a math sequence that ends at Algebra I gives a student only an 8% chance of earning a college degree.
- Grades of Cs and Ds produce only a 50-50 chance of earning even one college credit.
- Good attendance and punctuality records in high school can help them secure a great entry-level job.

Source: www.learndoeearn.org

Next –Research your dreams

- Find out EVERYTHING you can about what you THINK you want to do
- Match schools that offer that program and research their graduation rate, employment placement rate, admission requirements, extracurricular, financial aid packages and scholarships, etc.
- Websites to check out: www.careersandeducation.com; <http://cnsearch.collegenet.com> or go to Google and type in collegenet and go to the 3rd site down; www.bls.gov; www.fastweb.com

College and Career Research Paper Peer Conference

Research Writer:

Reviewer:

Directions: Read the paper, marking spelling and grammar mistakes. Then, complete this conference sheet. Number the paragraphs and then give examples to where each section is found in the paper.

1. Are there THREE sources? List the sources cited within the paper.

2. How many sentences are there in each paragraph?

Introduction

Paragraph # 1

Paragraph #5

Paragraph #2

Paragraph #6

Paragraph #3

Paragraph #7

Paragraph #4

Paragraph #8

Conclusion

After looking at the number of sentences, are each of the paragraphs equally developed? SUGGESTION/COMMENT:

3. **Checklist the following content**

a. Strong introduction Yes or No

SUGGESTION/COMMENT:

College and Career Research Rubric

Name:

Process

100

Outline 50

Draft 20

Conference 10

Speech 20

Paper

100

Requirements:

- Three Colleges/Training
 - Job Requirements
 - Skills
 - Working Conditions
 - Salary Estimates
 - Benefits/Perks
 - Job outlook/future
 - Advancement
 - Meets page requirement
 - Proper grammar and mechanics
 - Paraphrasing and summarizing skills
 - Internal citations - MLA format
 - Works Cited Page - MLA format
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Comments:

Informative Speech Scoring Sheet

Name:

Topic:

Tools	Excellent	Good	Fair	Minimal	Unsatisfactory
Eye Contact	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Body Language	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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<i>Volume</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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