

Transparent Assignment - BEFORE

Sample Assignment A

1. Select a professional in your prospective academic discipline and/or career field that is considered an expert in an area in which you are interested.
2. Secure an interview with the professional for a date and a time that is convenient for both of you.
3. Prepare 8-10 questions to ask the professional about their knowledge of a particular academic discipline/career/field.
4. Conduct a 20-30 minute, face-to-face interview to gather knowledge that will help you make an informed decision about the major/career you are considering. You will want to audio/video record the interview with the interviewee's permission.
5. Prepare a typed transcript of the questions and answers using the audio/video recording.
6. Write a 400-500 word reflection paper in which you address the following items:
 - a. Who did you selected and why?
 - b. What did you learn from them that is most interesting?
 - c. What did this assignment help you learn about your major/career decision?
 - d. What questions do you still have?
7. Submit the typed transcript and reflection paper to your instructor.

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Sample Assignment B

COLA 100E Interview Assignment, UNLV

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Due Dates:

- Draft interview questions – September 30
- Transcript of interviews – October 15
- Report – November 17

Purpose:

The purpose of this assignment is to help you make an informed decision about the major/career you are considering.

Purpose Upfront
assignment not for its own sake or “busy work” but relevant to student’s future

Skills:

The purpose of this assignment is to help you practice the following skills that are essential to your success in school and your professional life beyond school. In this assignment you will:

- Access and collect needed information from appropriate primary and secondary sources.
- Synthesize information to develop informed views.
- Compose a well-organized, clear, concise, report to expand your knowledge on a subject in your major.

Skills Outlined
connection back to the larger course goals and objectives

Knowledge:

This assignment will also help you to become familiar with the following important content knowledge in this discipline:

- Issues facing professionals in a field
- Scholarly research formats for documenting in-text sources and creating reference pages (i.e., bibliographies)

Knowledge and Task
clear what steps student needs to take and what they will have learned

Tasks:

To complete this assignment you should:

1. Select two professionals in your prospective academic discipline and/or career field that are considered experts in an area in which you are interested.
2. Secure an interview with the professionals for a date and time that is convenient for both of you.

3. Prepare 8-10 questions to ask the professionals about their expertise in a particular academic discipline/career field. The questions must be based on a review of the field using 5 credible sources as defined by the librarian in our research module. Sources should be cited using APA formatting.
4. Conduct a 20-30 minute, face-to-face interview with each professional to gather knowledge that will help you make an informed decision about the major/career you are considering. You will want to audio/video record the interview with the interviewee's permission.
5. Prepare a typed transcript of the interviews.
6. Compare and contrast the information provided by both professionals in an **8 page (1.5 spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins) report** that documents the advantages and disadvantages of a career in the selected field.