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**AVID Assignment – Intro to Career Research**

So you've come up with at least one idea of a job you might enjoy ... great! Now let's look at what it takes to get there, and what the future of that job looks like. In each category below, use the internet to research and locate information on your chosen career.

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this career interesting to you?

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1. What level of education is generally required to start working in this field?

CIRCLE ONE: High School / Certificate / Some college / Associate's (2 yr.) / Bachelor's (4 yr) / Graduate degree / Doctorate / Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. What major(s) or field(s) of study are generally recommended for this career?

3. What are three colleges considered as good schools for that major, and how much do they cost?

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition per unit or per year \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition per unit or per year \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition per unit or per year \_\_\_\_\_

4. How much does this job pay? Locate the following:

• Median Salary \_\_\_\_\_

• Salary Range: Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ Highest \_\_\_\_\_

5. Now search for how many currently available positions there are for that job in a city and state you'd where you'd like to live, using a search on Monster.com or Indeed.com. You should get a result in terms of number of positions in that area: # \_\_\_\_\_ openings in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

Now Google search for "cities with high demand for [your job title]". Where is this job most in demand? \_\_\_\_\_

Search for "Cost of living [city, state]" for that location \_\_\_\_\_

How would you feel about relocating to that city and state? \_\_\_\_\_

6. How competitive is the job market for this type of position? You *might* find info by searching for something like "how competitive is the job market for [job title]", but another great way to measure this is the unemployment rate for that field, which will show how many perfectly qualified people can't get a job in their chosen profession. Write that percentage here: \_\_\_\_\_ (Year \_\_\_\_\_)

7. Now let's look at whether this job is predicted to grow, shrink, or remain the same. Search for "job outlook for [your job title]" and see what the Bureau of Labor Statistics (bls.gov) has to say about your career. Summarize info on growth here \_\_\_\_\_

8. Now search for your job on GlassDoor.com, making sure you check the tabs at the top for:

• "Jobs" – Look at three actual jobs available

• "Companies & Reviews" – Read three or more reviews of companies (try to find a good one, a bad one, and a medium one and compare what people like and dislike)

• "Salaries" – Compare at least three different salaries. Try to find an entry level position, a high level position, and a mid-career position

What were the most interesting things you learned on GlassDoor.com about your job?

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