

SLS 1501 Career Project

What is the difference between a job and a career? You can think of a job as a way to achieve a specific goal: pay the rent, buy a car, purchase food, etc. A career on the other hand consist of holding jobs, but it is also the path for achieving a sense of personal and professional accomplishment and fulfillment. When you begin focusing on career development, “your jobs follow a sequence that leads to increasing mastery, professional development, and personal and financial satisfaction” (Success in College. Authored by: anonymous. Located at: <http://2012books.lardbucket.org/>.)

The shift from *job searching* to *career development* is a process that needs to start now. You will use all the skills we have covered and those that we will cover in the remainder of the course to create a career path that will be satisfying, challenging, and ever-evolving.

Purpose: The purpose of this project is for you to begin visualizing where you see yourself in a career and identify the different professions associated with that chosen career.

Objectives

Below are the steps that will help you get there:

- Identify job/internship opportunities in your area of interest.
- Research companies to learn more about their vision, mission, and values.
- Activate Handshake to learn of events, job/internship postings, and plan to schedule an appointment with a career coach.

Deliverable 1: Research

Purpose: Understand that each career field has different professions associated with it. For instance, if you want to pursue a career in Health Care, you could choose to be a doctor, nurse, hospital administrator, health policy consultant, and much more.

Research at least three professions in your career of interest and answer the following questions.

1. What are your three chosen professions? What similar and/or different skill sets did you find among the three professions? (e.g. Critical Thinking, Communication, IT, etc.)
2. What are the educational and professional experience requirements for the three occupations? (e.g. licenses/certifications, required years working in the field, degree attained, etc.)
3. What FIU organizations, clubs, and/or resources on campus can help you gain experience in any of your three career interests? Explain how these organizations, clubs, and/or resources can help you? ***Make sure you use the Student Engagement module in Canvas to help you find involvement opportunities. Remember to answer the questions and follow the rubric. Be sure to carefully review the rubric to receive maximum credit for your submission.**

Here are some helpful online resources to include in your submission:

[NACE Career Readiness Competencies](#)

[FIU's Career and Talent Development online resources](#)

[Vault](#)

[O*Net](#)

[U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

[MyCareerShines](#)

Deliverable 2: Networking

Purpose: In Deliverable 1, you researched different career interests, now you will learn how to seek internship/job opportunities. **Make sure you use the Student Engagement module in Canvas to help you find involvement opportunities. Remember to answer the questions and follow the rubric. Be sure to carefully review the rubric to receive maximum credit for your submission.**

Handshake

- Read [Handshake Helps Students](#)
- Visit <https://fiu.joinhandshake.com> and activate your Handshake account.
- Make sure you use your FIU Student email to activate your Handshake account.
- Ensure you select your College and Major when completing your profile (if it isn't already filled in for you).
- Upload a screenshot of your Handshake profile.

After you have activated and completed your Handshake profile, navigate Handshake and answer the following questions:

1. What types of internships and/or career opportunities did you find that interest you? (you must provide at least 1 internship or career opportunity).
2. What events have you found on Handshake that you are interested in attending? Please explain why you are interested in attending these events.
3. How will you take advantage of Career Talent and Development services and other FIU resources to help you find the right internship and/or career opportunities for you?

Career Presentation: *“My Career Journey”*

Purpose: To create a narrated presentation where you can further delve into a career that interests you. ***Make sure you use the Student Engagement Module in Canvas and Technical Guidelines to help you create your narrated presentation. The presentation MUST be narrated. This means your voice must be heard during the presentation. Also, be sure to carefully review the rubric to receive maximum credit for your submission.**

Choose one of the three professions that you researched in Deliverable 1 and create a presentation answering the following questions:

1. Explain why you chose this profession and how it aligns with your life goals.
2. What would the work environment, or surroundings, be like?
3. What is the growth or job outlook like for your profession?
4. What kind of technology is needed or used for this career?
5. What changes in technology are projected in this field?
6. How can your major help you prepare for this profession?
7. What did you learn about your chosen profession that you didn't know before?
8. Where could you gain experience at FIU and within the community?

Grading Rubrics

Grading Rubrics for the Deliverables

This Grading Rubric will be used to grade both Deliverable 1 and Deliverable 2, each will be a total of 5 points.

Criteria	Total Points	Score
Provides detailed responses for all questions	3	
Clear reference to online resources (NACE, O*Net, Handshake, etc.)	1	
Clear organization of ideas	1	
Total	5	

Grading Rubric for Presentation

Criteria	Total Points	Score
Provides detailed responses for all questions	2	
Visually appealing, text is easy to read, graphics enhance understanding of ideas, and clear organization throughout the presentation	2	
Student presents information via recorded voiceover within 5-7 minute time frame	2	
Total	6	

Technical guidelines for submitting your presentation online in Canvas.

The presentation MUST be narrated. This means your voice must be heard during the presentation. In case you do not know how to create such a narrated presentation, please see below for a list of options that you may choose from.

Below are a list of presentation options (but feel free to use your own method!):

- 1: PowerPoint. [Here is a step by step guide](#) describing how to do this. If you prefer YouTube instructions [here is a link](#) showing you how to create voice-over narration of your PowerPoint (it really is this easy). Upload this to canvas once complete.
- 2: Keynote for Macs. [Here is a YouTube video](#) showing how to record voice narration over your presentation. When you are done with the presentation (your voice included!), remember to export that presentation as a PowerPoint and upload that file to canvas.
3. Spark Video: This is a way to create professional looking video presentations in the cloud. Instructions on how to do this [can be found here in this tutorial](#).
4. Screen Capture called Screencastify (operates on Chrome browser). This is a free (10-minute limit) screen capture where you can capture your computer screen and voice/audio. <https://www.screencastify.com/buy/> (choose the lite option).