

Career Investigation Project

COUN V02 – Fall 2017

For the **Career Investigation Project**, you will need to select two professionals (not your parents/guardians and preferably not any relative) who works in a career you are interested in learning more about. You will need to ask them if you can "**job shadow**" them for **2 - 8 hours** (minimum for this project is two hours per shadow experience). You will also need **15 - 20 minutes to conduct an "informational interview"** with each person so that you can ask questions about their unique career and educational journey.

The goal of this project is to see what a career of your interest looks like in the real world.

This is an excellent way to figure out if the potential career is a direction you really want to pursue, and/or this might be an opportunity to find out whether or not you want to make a long-term career commitment to a particular pathway.

You need to be ready to present your project in class (or electronically submit) on **December 13th**. Your presentation must include a visual component and be well organized with clear relevance to your career interests and exploration. You will have approximately three to five minutes to share your project outcomes including:

- Who you selected to job shadow and why
- What you learned from the shadow experience and informational interview (eg. what were your key "take aways" – summarize)
- How the experience influenced your next steps on your career and education journey – this is the most important element of all 😊

The scoring rubric is on the opposite side of this paper and if you have any questions, please let me know. **You will also need to submit the Job Shadow Verification Forms when you give your presentation.**