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## Career Research Paper

**Directions:** Develop a typed research paper on a career of your choice. It must be double-spaced, 12 pt. font. Be sure to check your paper for spelling errors, punctuation, continuity and overall neatness. The paper needs to include the following:

1. Cover sheet: Name, date, and career choice.
2. Main body (minimum of three pages):  
Career choice, brief description of the work involved, pay range (local, state, national), education and/or training required, license/certification requirements (if any), other requirements (such as age, if any), time to complete education or training, job projection (is the occupation expected to stay the same, grow, decline on a local or state level and a national level). The paper must include one visual, such as a pie, bar, stack, line or combination chart (maximum of ½ page).
3. Bibliography:  
Identify the sources, i.e., name of publications, chapter or article, author, publisher, date of publication. Provide at least four sources, one of which must be from the Internet (cite the Internet address), and one must be from the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* or a Guidance or Career Information System). The Occupational Information Network (O-Net) may be considered as an Internet source.
4. Summary page:
  - Why you would like the job--how does it match your interests, aptitudes, abilities and lifestyle?
  - Drawbacks (anything you think you might not like about the job).
  - Identify a career ladder for advancement opportunities.
  - Will you continue to pursue a career in this occupation? Why?
  - Is it a short-term or long-term career choice? Why?