**Career Research Paper Assignment/Instructions**

**Writing Prompt**: In a persuasive essay, convince an audience (evaluator, parents, and counselor) of your future career plans. Your essay should argue that your educational course of study (majors, degrees, licenses, certifications), higher education (college/university/training center) and profession/trade is the right course of action and career for you based on your personality, interests, values, current academic credentials, and future academic goals.

**I. Introduction**

A. An introduction to the topic of your paper that grabs your reader’s attention

B. Personal background – explain how you came to decide on this career path:

* Assessments (personality, interests, values)
* Family member
* Friend
* Current skills/talents
* Current academic credentials
* Personal experience

C. Define career

D. Briefly describe the educational requirements (how long, type of degree required).

E. Briefly describe the type of institution that provides the education needed for this career.

F. Thesis statement: In a declarative sentence, state your subject (career), direction (desire to pursue), and three reasons you believe this is the right career path for you.

**II-IV. Body paragraphs**

A. Topic sentences – identify your main sub-topics from your thesis in the order you state them in your thesis. Remember to use signal words (see handout)

**V. Conclusion**

 A. Circle back to your introduction attention getter

 B. Summarize how you plan to attain your career goals

 C. Restate your thesis using different words

 D. End with a declarative statement that convinces the reader that you can do this!!