

## EDUCATION PATHWAYS ASSIGNMENT

Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_

There are two (2) parts to the Education Pathways Assignment

1. Academic research
2. Interview

### **Part I – Academic Research. (50 marks)**

1. Name of the occupation you are looking to get into.

2. In two paragraphs explain how you became interested in this career.

3. In point form, identify the tasks that someone in this occupation is required to do.

4. How similar/different are your co-op placement tasks from the job description tasks you described in question #3? Explain. Be specific.

5. What would a typical day look like for someone in this occupation?

6. What education is required to enter this occupation?

7. What is the specific name of the college/university/apprenticeship program that is required post-secondary?

8. Use the chart below to compare and contrast two schools that offer the program you are interested in.

	<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Name of School</b>
<b>Location</b> – identify where the schools are located and approx. distance from your current home		
<b>Type of program</b> – degree/diploma and length of program		
<b>Program Type</b> – is the program full-time or part-time or is there an option		
<b>Cost of program</b> – be specific if it is tuition per semester/term/year.		
<b>Cost of books</b> per year		
<b>Cost of Residence</b> – specify if there is a meal plan included and if not, identify the cost of the <b>meal plan</b> separately		
<b>Courses</b> – what are the required and recommended courses you should take in high school to get into this program?		

9. Based on the information you have gathered in question #8, what school are you most likely to choose and why? Be specific.

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**Part II – Interview Assignment**

Mark = /50 (Communication)

Select a person in the community that you would like to interview. The person should be in a career area that you are considering at this point in time. It must be someone different from your Co-op placement employer. It can be at the same placement but in a career with a somewhat different focus. (example – if you are working with a bank teller – you could interview the bank manager)

It is your responsibility to contact the person and set up an interview time. Your task is to interview the person using the attached outline. When the interview is completed you are to take the information and type up a 2 to 3 page essay

**Questions:**

1. Name of the person interviewed
2. Their age
3. Occupation and position
4. Company that employs this person
5. Why did they choose that occupation?
6. How did they get to their present position?
7. What are the attractions of the job?
8. What are the chances for advancement and promotion?
9. Are they considering a second/third career? If so what?
10. If this position is already a second career why did they change and from which career did they change?
11. What is their educational training?
12. Have they continued their educational training since starting their career either at traditional institutions or through on the job company courses?
13. What was the influence of the following in the choice of this career?
  - Parents and friends
  - Community in which she/he was raised
  - Her/his education
  - Hobbies, clubs or other interest
  - Part-time jobs held while at school
  - Her/his values
14. How have unforeseen circumstances forced him/her to make different decisions at some time during her/his life?
15. What other factors did she/he consider when deciding on this career?
16. Write a concluding paragraph in which you sum up your thoughts concerning your entering a career in this area. Base your conclusion on the interview and additional information you may have.