Project Title: Career Research Report

Project Category: Independent Professional Growth

Objective: Explore a potential career path that interests you by researching key information such as required education, skills, responsibilities, salary, and job outlook. This project helps you better understand your options and prepare for your future.

Step-by-Step Instructions:

Step 1: Choose a Career - Pick a job title or field you're curious about (ex: graphic designer, nurse, lawyer, cybersecurity analyst, etc.) - If you're not sure, ask your supervisor or teacher for suggestions based on your interests.

Step 2: Research the Career Use trustworthy sources such as: - onetonline.org - bls.gov/ooh - Company websites or professional association pages

Key info to find: 1. **Job Description** – What does someone in this role do every day? 2. **Required Education/Training** – What degrees, licenses, or certifications are needed? 3. **Skills Needed** – Both technical (ex: coding) and soft (ex: communication) 4. **Average Salary** – National or local estimates 5. **Job Outlook** – Are jobs in this field growing? 6. **Typical Work Environment** – Office, hospital, remote, outdoors, etc. 7. **Why This Career Interests You** – What draws you to this work?

Step 3: Draft Your Report - Write a 1–2 page summary of what you learned. - Use headers or bullet points to organize your information. - Include a short paragraph reflecting on whether this career still interests you and why.

Step 4: Optional – Interview a Professional - Ask your supervisor if you can speak with someone in that role. - Prepare 3–5 questions in advance (ex: "What do you enjoy most about your job?") - Add a summary of the conversation to your report.

Deliverables: - 1–2 Page Career Research Report - Optional: Notes or summary from professional interview

Estimated Timeline: 1–2 weeks

Skills Practiced: - Research and information gathering - Writing and organization - Self-reflection and goal setting - Career exploration