**Project Guidelines – Careers in Criminal Justice**

**DUE: X/X/XX @ 11:59PM
UPLOAD TO D2L**

**100 POINTS**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this assignment is for you to become familiar with different careers in the criminal justice system. To do this, you will create a power-point presentation on a career in criminal justice. Information for the presentation will be gathered from reputable websites, and you will also conduct an interview with someone currently working in the position you chose.

 **SKILLS:**

1. Identify a career in criminal justice that interests you.
2. Report the requirements and outlook for a career in criminal justice using power-point.
3. Conduct an interview of a professional working within your career choice.
4. Present the information you have gathered.

**TASK:** You will be creating a power-point presentation on a career of your choice in the criminal justice field. The recommended format for the presentation is Microsoft Power-Point (or other similar program). You will also record audio of yourself presenting the information. For this presentation, I would like you to contact someone who is currently working in the position that you are assigned. Thus, you MUST start contacting individuals immediately, in order to get a timely response. I recommend you contact MULTIPLE individuals, knowing that some may not respond to you. You can communicate with the individual in-person, over the phone, via e-mail, etc.

**PRESENTATION GUIDELINES:** Your presentation must be 8-10 minutes in length, but no more than 15 minutes. You need to research your assigned career using MULTIPLE sources of information (do NOT just rely on one source), and also by using your contact person. For this assignment, internet websites are acceptable sources of information. You will be required to present your power-point to the class via D2L. Below are some of the major elements that you should address in your power-point presentation.

1. **Title Slide: Title of the presentation & presenter name**
2. **Introduction** – Provide an overview of the information that you will discuss.
3. **Career Details –** At minimum your presentation should include the following:
	1. **Provide an overview of the position.** What do people in this occupation do on a daily basis? What are their duties? Who do they interact with? What is their work environment like? Where do they work? What are their work schedules typically? How many hours do they typically work in a week? Research this information using multiple sources AND provide information from your contact person.
	2. **Provide details surrounding pay and job outlook.** On average, how much do people in this occupation make? What types of benefits are available? What is the job outlook for the position?Do **NOT** ask your contact person this information. Research this information using multiple sources.
	3. **How to work in this position.** What type of education and training is required? Do you need a special license or certification to work in this position? How can you advance in this position? Research this information using multiple sources AND provide information from your contact person.
4. **Informative Interview –** Ask your contact person this following questions (in addition to the above questions) and report their responses:
	1. How did you start working in this position? What made you apply?
	2. For you, what part of this job is most satisfying/enjoyable?
	3. What parts of your job do you find most challenging?
	4. Are there any negative aspects to your job? What kind of stress do you deal with?
	5. How would you describe the culture of your work environment?
	6. What advice do you have for individuals wanting to enter this line of work?
5. **Conclusion**
	1. Provide a brief summary of the information that you presented. Include the main points of your presentation.
6. **Reference Slide**
	1. List all references - must be in APA format
	2. Include your contact person in the references

**CRITERIA FOR SUCCESS:**

1. Follow the guidelines above.
2. Locate the sample career presentation on D2L for an example of what a “good” presentation looks like.
3. Review the grading rubric. “Grade” yourself to ensure you are meeting all the criteria needed to be successful with this assignment.
4. Be sure you follow the “best practices” for creating power-point presentations: <https://www.pharmacoepi.org/pub/76a123f3-c419-8689-f823-a38e28f5fd02>