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**CAREER HOMEWORK**

So you know which career you want to pursue? Great! Then answer these questions to confirm you really KNOW what you’re going into!

**Find these answers from these sources:**

1. U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, **Occupational Outlook Handbook**: [www.bls.gov/ooh](http://www.bls.gov/ooh)
2. **O\*Net**: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)
3. [www.Myplan.com](http://www.Myplan.com) Use free code found on **Career Services** on Explore Major & Careers
4. from a professional in an **Informational Interview**: <https://career.ucf.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/02/Majors-and-Careers_informational_interviewing_handout.pdf>

**Questions to answer:**

1. What are other titles for this career? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What is the job outlook? Are there more openings or is this career dying out?

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1. What level of education is needed? What are the different education programs called? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What courses would be relevant? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What skills is this career looking for upon graduation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What experience should you be gaining to pursue this career? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What is an average day look like? What does an average week look like? How many hours a week of work? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What is the average salary for the location where you want to live? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What are other common benefits? Health insurance? Vacation time? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Pros about this career? What do you like most? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Cons about this career? What do you like least? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**What’s next?**

1. Make a **LinkedIn.com** account:
   1. Follow professional organizations in the field
   2. Connect with professionals in the field you’re connected to (alumni, faculty, colleagues of friends/family)
   3. Follow career-related blogs like “Glassdoor”, “the Muse”, “The Savvy Intern” etc to prepare for applying/networking in career
2. Get involved in relevant experience:
   1. Teaching Assistant
   2. Research Assistant
   3. Internship/Volunteer work
   4. Part/Full-time work
3. Prepare for graduate/professional school:
   1. Research programs and what needed to apply
   2. Grades: GPA min 3.0 or higher to be competitive
   3. Study for Standardized Test? GRE/GMAT/LSAT/MCAT
   4. Letters of Recommendation (3 total, 2 from faculty)
   5. Personal/Goal Statement essay

Opportunities to get involved with [research](http://sciences.ucf.edu/psychology/undergraduate-advising/opportunities-in-psychology/undergraduate-research/) and [internships](http://sciences.ucf.edu/psychology/undergraduate-advising/opportunities-in-psychology/internships/), [career information](http://sciences.ucf.edu/psychology/undergraduate-advising/psychology-careers/), and [preparing for graduate school](http://sciences.ucf.edu/psychology/undergraduate-advising/preparing-for-graduate-school/) is on our website. <http://sciences.ucf.edu/psychology/undergraduate-advising/>