

It's A Matter of Degree.....Or Is It?  
 Career Zone Project  
<http://www.labor.state.ny.us/careerzone>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Due \_\_\_\_\_

1. Choose one of the following occupation groups. Using **Career Zone**, research each of the 4 careers within the occupation group. Use worksheet #1 on the following page to record your findings.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Dental Assistant	Paralegal	Electrical Engineering Technician	Computer Programmer	Child Care Worker
Dentist	Legal Secretary	Electrical Engineer	Computer Support Specialist	Teacher Aide
Dental Hygienist	Lawyer	Electronic Mechanic	Computer Operator	Teacher
Orthodontist	Law Clerk	Electrician	Systems Analyst	Social Psychologist

2. Write an essay summarizing the similarities/differences between the 4 occupations within the group you researched. Your essay should convey a clear understanding of each of the 4 careers and a personal evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of each career path. The essay should be well thought out and of final draft quality.
3. Choose an occupation that is of interest to you. (Do not use an occupation you researched in the first part of this project.) Use worksheet #2 to record information from **Career Zone** on this occupation and at least 2 similar jobs.
4. Write an essay discussing the information obtained from your second search. This essay should reflect your thoughts and ideas regarding the career(s) as it pertains to you. Identify the advantages and disadvantages of choosing this career path. Compare specific information regarding skills, abilities and knowledge required to your own personal attributes and goals. Summarize reasons that you would/would not like to pursue this career.
5. Using the information from the Career Center (located in the Guidance Office), identify at least one college that offers a school program for this career.

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Program Offered: \_\_\_\_\_

6. BONUS: Are there any jobs posted in the job bank for this career? \_\_\_\_\_ Identify job and company.

**CAREER ZONE WORKSHEET #1**  
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Name of Career	Career #1	Career #2	Career #3	Career #4
Interest Category				
Work Activities (Name at least 2)	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Tasks (Name at least 2)	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Skills	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Abilities	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Knowledge	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Experience/Education Required				
Wage Range				
Job Outlook				
School Programs	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.

Essay #1

**CAREER ZONE WORKSHEET #2**  
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	Career #1	Career #2	Career #3	Career #4
Name of Career				
Interest Category				
Work Activities (Name at least 2)	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Tasks (Name at least 2)	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Skills	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Abilities	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Knowledge	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Experience/Education Required				
Wage Range				
Job Outlook				
School Programs	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.

Essay #2

### Grading Rubric for Career Zone Project

	0	3	5	7	10
1. Prepared on time					
2. Neat presentation					
3. Worksheet information complete					
4. Essay #1 - Grammar, spelling & punctuation correct					
5. Essay #1 - Significant information relating similarities/differences of 4 careers					
6. Essay #2 - Grammar, spelling & punctuation correct					
7. Essay #2 - Communicates significant information in an organized manner					
8. Essay #2 - Adequate discussion of personal skills and abilities as related to career requirements					
9. Summary complete and relevant to personal abilities/skills/goals					
10. School program researched and answered completely and correctly					
BONUS: Job bank question +5					
TOTAL POINTS					

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

- 0 = No evidence
- 3 = Attempted, but unacceptable
- 5 = Attempted, but details missing, not complete
- 7 = Good effort, most details included
- 10 = Professional effort