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# Academic Interests, Career Choices and Job Opportunities

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**Abstract:** This assignment is designed for students in First Year Seminar for Engineering and Computer Science. The main goal of the assignment is to introduce students to their major and stimulating their interests related to career choices and academics. This will give students a chance to develop integrative learning skills by making connections between their major and respective career opportunities. This assignment will use new features of ePortfolio to enhance student's creativity by customizing everything from background, photos, fonts, text, portfolio content etc. Instead of a uniform profile, each students' page will reflect the distinct visual representation of their personality, brand, major, and career. Students will review their peers' ePortfolios to provide constructive feedback. The ePortfolio page will later be deposited once approved by the faculty.

### **Assignment:**

**Link:** <https://lagcc-cuny.digication.com/ecf-integrative/home-1>

### **Academic Interests, Career Choices and Job Opportunities**

#### **Goal**

Explore academic interests, career choices and job opportunities. Identify the courses required for your graduation. How does your career choice relate to your Major and courses you will take?

#### **Exploring Major**

1. What are your academic interests?
2. What type of work do you enjoy?
3. Think about a picture that describes best about your major? Insert that picture in your essay and briefly explain why you picked that picture.
4. Go to the homepage of your department website. (For example: Computer Science - <https://www.laguardia.edu/MEC/Computer-Science/About/>). Find out different degree options that LaGuardia offer related to your major.
5. Why did you choose to study your major? How does your chosen major differ from other related options?
6. Do you know enough about this major? What are the requirements for this major? What courses are required for your major?

#### **Exploring Career Opportunities**

1. What are the career choices for your major?
2. What skills are required to be successful in your career?

3. Identify what skills you will gain from the courses you are required to take here at LaGuardia?
4. Based on your major, research on the available job opportunities and pay scale. Go to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website. Based on the occupations you are interested in, insert all the graphical presentations for Job Outlook and Pay from the website in your essay. (Example: For Computer Science, go to <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/home.htm> ).
5. Where do you see yourself in five years from now? What is your plan to fulfill that dream?

***Cite all the resources you have used for your essay and images.***

### **Reflection**

Review at-least two other students' ePortfolios from your class using the following rubric:

Layout and design – There are graphic elements, colors and text does not interfere with the reading content.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exemplary</li> <li>2. Effective</li> <li>3. Needs Improvement</li> </ol>
Looking at the images on the assignment, do you think you get an idea about the major and career choice of your peer? Explain.	
What aspects of the Major you found most interesting?	
What was the most interesting thing about your career you learned from this ePortfolio page?	
Any suggestion about this ePortfolio page?	

Think back on what you have learned from your peers' ePortfolio. Write a constructive reflection on what new things you have learned, any new skills you can achieve from the courses you have listed about different career opportunities. Update your ePortfolio page if needed, based on the new things you have learned from your peers.