**Reflective Writing Assignment- Faculty Instructions**

**Module 7: Career Preparation – Becoming Employable**

This assignment will help students to further process the information in this module and explore the personal applications of it. Choose one or more of the prompts below for students to respond to, choose a minimum length you want the paper to be, and any format guidelines you want them to follow.

**Prompt Option 1:** Discuss the messages you have received throughout your life regarding the role college plays in career preparation. What messages did you receive from your family? What messages did you receive from your high school teachers and counselors? What messages did you receive from the media? Explain how those messages influenced your thoughts and feelings about college and the role a college degree plays in your future employability. Does any of the information presented in this module (i.e. a degree alone is not enough to make you employable) challenge those beliefs?

**Prompt Option 2:** Discuss the expectations you had of your college degree and your college experience at the time you started here at Boise State. Did you expect that just getting a degree would lead to a good job? Did you expect that your courses and the things you are required to do to graduate would fully prepare you for a career? Did you expect that you’d need to seek out internships or other types of optional experiences? Discuss the ways in which your expectations have been changed or reinforced as a result of completing this module.

**Prompt Option 3:** Discuss your reaction to learning about the nine types of opportunities available to gain the skills, experiences, and contacts you’ll need to become employable. In the module, you had to put these opportunities in order of how important you thought they were going to be in your own career preparation. Explain how you decided what order to put them in, and why you put them in that order. In particular, address the top and bottom of your list. Why did you feel that those you put at the top of your list would be the most important for you based on your career goals? What made the ones you put at the bottom not the right fit for you?