**Reflective Writing Assignment- Faculty Instructions**

**Module 1: The Career Planning Process: An Overview**

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 – Factors to Consider in a Career Decision:** In this module, you looked at several common factors that students consider in deciding on a career. Which of these did you feel you *should not* consider? Explain why. Do you think this is something *no one* should consider, or just something you don’t personally want to consider in your own career choice? For you, personally, which of these things is the most important to you to consider (can be more than one), and why? What else not on this list is or was important to you to consider in your career decision?

**Prompt Option 2 – What’s Important to You?** Knowing what’s important to you in a career will help you figure out what kind of job market data you’ll need in order to make a good career choice. For example, if being able to live in a specific town is important to you, that will mean you’ll need to find out how many job opportunities there typically are in that town in your career field of interest. Discuss what you decided was most important to you and why, and what kind of job market data you think you’ll need based on that. Have you already found this information? If not, do you know how or where to find it? If not, what will you do next in order to get the information you need to make a good career choice?

**Prompt Option 3: Where You Are in the Career Planning Process:** In this module, you got an overview of the Career Planning Process. Discuss where you think you are in this process, using the steps outlined in the module. Within the step you feel that you are in, be as specific as possible in discussing what you have and have not already done. If you are further than Step 1, did you fully complete everything in the preceding steps outlined in the module? (For example, many students feel they have completed the process through Step 2 because they've already chosen a career, but have never conducted a thorough self-assessment to ensure that career is going to be the right fit.) Address the steps you've taken to get to where you are now and any recommended in the module that you may have missed. Based on what you've learned, what do you plan to do next to work towards completing the Career Planning Process?