**Reflective Writing Assignment- Faculty Instructions**

**Module 4: Identifying and Researching Career Options**

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 Requiring Completion of Family Tree Activity:***

**Your Career and Your Family Tree:** In class, you created a family tree mapping out the careers you’ve been exposed to by family members. You then discussed with your group some of the ways in which your family’s career history may have impacted your own career choices or career interests. Choose one or more of the topics you discussed with your group to expand upon:

* How much do you think the careers you’ve been exposed to through family members have affected your own career choices or career interests? (Be specific and provide examples or stories.)
* Looking at your family tree, are there themes that emerge in your family’s career paths? Are there any expectations for you to “fit into” your family tree with your own career choice?
* Which family members are/were regarded as successful in life? What has that taught you about what kind of career you should choose?
* Which person on your family tree do you feel you are the most similar to or have the most in common with? What affect has that person’s career path had on your career choices or interests?
* To what extent has your family encouraged you to explore careers outside of those any family member has had?

(If you wish to have students reflect upon the above topics without creating a family tree [in class or as an assignment], consider modifying the above prompts.)

***Prompt NOT Requiring Completion of Family Tree Activity:***

**Career Research Self-Evaluation:** Depending on whether or not you have already chosen a career path, discuss the careers you have chosen or been interested in, currently or in the past, and the research you conducted on each. Discuss which types of research you conducted (exploratory, evaluation, in-depth) on each, and the specific methods you used (i.e. types of websites, informational interviews, etc.). Do you feel that you have done the amount and type of research necessary to make a good career choice? Why or why not? If not, what do you plan to do next? If you have previously chosen a career without doing all the necessary research and later realized that career was not for you, discuss that experience and what you learned from it.