Exploring Post Secondary Programs

Learning Objectives:
- Explore online database in order to brainstorm ideas for future post secondary programs;
- Learn the difference between University and College programs;
- Explore programs of interest and the admission requirements;
- Recognize the influence of curriculum choices and co-curricular activities on career path;

Before you start, it is important that you understand the differences between College and University programs…

College vs. University

Colleges tent to be more directly **career-oriented** than universities. This means they offer practical or hands-on training. Generally, a **certificate program** is 1 year or less, and a **diploma program** is 2 or 3 years. This can vary!

Colleges also have **pre-trades** and **apprenticeship** training, l**anguage** training and **skills upgrading**.

Universities are institutions that can grant **degrees**. All universities have undergraduate (bachelor's) degrees, and many have graduate (Master's and doctoral) programs.

Undergraduate degrees usually take 3-4 years to complete, if you study full-time. An '**honours degree**' (the fourth year) is usually required if you want to go to a graduate program (Master's degree). Many universities allow students to combine subject areas (e.g., a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and biology) into a 'double major'.

Many universities also offer **professional programs**, such as medicine, dentistry, and law. In some cases, you can begin these programs after 2 or 3 years of undergraduate study.

For this assignment, everyone will research **one university program** and **one college program.**

Exploring Programs- College Edition

Visit www.schoolfinder.com

This website is a **database for post secondary programs, schools and careers** throughout Canada (and the world, actually!).

- **Perus**e the database, then **list three college programs that you find interesting** (Remember - you don't need to want to do these courses for the rest of your life - we are just exploring!):

Use the search engine, and change the scroll down from **School —> Programs**.

** If you aren't sure of a program, search a theme that you might be interested in. For example, 'education' , 'medicine', etc. Click the search engine, then, refine your search to '**College'** on the left hand side of the screen.

Three programs that I find interesting are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- Choose **one** of the three College programs from above and find the following information :

Program name: _____

School: _____

Faculty: _____

Degree: _____

Field of study: _____

Short description of program(2-3 sentences): _____
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Program Length: _____

Exploring Programs - University Edition

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- **List three <u>University programs</u> that you find interesting** (Again, they don't need to be your plan for the future! You're exploring and reflecting!):

Use the search engine, and change the scroll down from **School —> Programs**.

** If you aren't sure of a program, search a theme that you might be interested in. For example, 'education' , 'medicine', etc. Click the search engine, then, refine your search to '**University**' on the left hand side of the screen.

Three University programs that interest me are:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- Choose **one** of the three University programs from above and find the following information :

Program name: _____

School: _____

Faculty: _____

Degree: _____

Field of study: _____

Short description of program(2-3 sentences): _____
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Length: _____