

Findings for the resume & interview assignment for the **spring of 2010**

Survey Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I felt that the resume was a good first writing assignment	<b>55.9%</b>	<b>41.2%</b>	0%	0%	2.9%
2. I had difficulty in locating individuals to interview.	2.9%	<b>29.4%</b>	14.7%	<b>38.2%</b>	14.7%
3. I had enough time to conduct all three interviews before the due date.	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>44.1%</b>	2.9%	14.7%	2.9%
4. Contacting the individuals, developing questions to ask them, and then conducting the interviews challenged my thinking and writing.	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>58.8%</b>	5.9%	5.9%	0%
5. Writing a reflection for each of the three interviews was not necessary.	2.9%	5.9%	20.6%	<b>55.9%</b>	14.7%
6. Writing one large reflection for all three interviews would have been better.	8.8%	<b>26.5%</b>	17.6%	<b>35.3%</b>	11.8%
7. The instructor provided assistance in locating and showing me how to find individuals to interview.	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	11.8%	8.8%	0%
8. Writing the interview reflections was clearly presented by the instructor.	<b>47.1%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	2.9%	0%	0%

Student responses:

I felt that the one large reflection for all three interviews wasn't necessary since we did one per person, but if it is necessary then the large reflection should be 2-3 pgs instead of 3-5 pages, in my opinion. This assignment was a fun and great experience. It really helped me out. Thanks.

This was a great assignment because I was able to see my profession from different people. I previously have not done that.

It was a good assignment that required tons of critical thinking.

This assignment was very helpful, all students should complete an assignment such as this during their first semesters in college or even at the end of high school.

It was ample time to do the assignment. I believe that if I did not do a reflective interview on each interviewee I would not have had such a strong final reflection without the other reflections.

Findings for the resume & interview assignment for the fall of 2009

Survey Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I felt that the resume was a good first writing assignment.	<b>54.5%</b>	<b>40.9%</b>	0%	4.5%	0%
2. I had difficulty in locating individuals to interview.	13.6%	<b>31.8%</b>	13.6%	<b>40.9%</b>	0%
3. I had enough time to conduct all three interviews before the due date.	13.6%	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	22.7%	0%
4. Contacting the individuals, developing questions to ask them, and then conducting the interviews challenged my thinking and writing.	<b>40.9%</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	9.1%	4.5%	0%
5. Writing a reflection for each of the three interviews was not necessary.	0%	9.1%	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>54.5%</b>	13.6%
6. Writing one large reflection for all three interviews would have been better.	14.3%	<b>28.6%</b>	19%	<b>23.8%</b>	14.3%
7. The instructor provided assistance in locating and showing me how to find individuals to interview.	<b>63.6%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	9.1%	4.5%	0%
8. Writing the interview reflections was clearly presented by the instructor.	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>54.5%</b>	0%	0%	0%

Student responses:

I liked the interviews because since I did the professional interviews it gave me confidence in approaching professionals in the workforce.

This was a great project to do. It's an ice breaker for us not only to find out about our careers but to present ourselves as future professionals.

The interviews were an amazing idea. After interviewing some people I had a completely different perspective on some of the options I was confused about. Because of the interview, I think my confusions slimmed.

I really liked the fact that we were able to get other perspectives on the major/job field we are interested in. It honestly helped a lot because now I know what some of the ups and downs are and I can more realistically consider these jobs. The resume is good too because it will help us in the future.

I didn't like the fact that it was very difficult to locate the interviewer, I liked the whole idea of the interviews because it gave me an opportunity to meet my soon to be professor and get their opinion on how they felt about their career and its challenges.

I enjoyed this project to a very high extent. It tested not only my communication skills but helped me gain confidence for future projects. Coming in contact with people who have had experience that I don't yet have given me an excellent idea of what to expect in coming years.

What I liked about this project was being able to interview people that I already knew and I didn't know. I was able to meet new people and know more about the person that I already knew.

I liked the different way of learning critical thinking.

The resume showed how much I need to add and it's important to know how to write one, in the interview I think were helpful for my career and my writing skills.

The resume wasn't really a writing assignment to me. The interviews were really fun to do, I enjoyed doing them.

I like the interview because I learn about the professional experience of the engineer.

It was discouraging when the person I interviewed would have to cancel.

It was interesting and it was a good way to get more involved with your major/future career field.

What I didn't like is that people didn't respond. I know that they are busy but they can respond by saying no or yes.

What I liked and found out very interesting about the resume and interviews is that it helped me a lot in knowing more about my major and leading me to a better path in where I am right now and were I need to be.

Findings for the resume & interview assignment for the **fall of 2008**

Survey Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. Portfolio 1 (the resume and the interviews) was clearly presented by the instructor.	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>52.7%</b>	9.1%	1.8%	1.8%
2. The instructor assisted me with interviews in a helpful and effective manner.	<b>51.9%</b>	<b>42.6%</b>	1.9%	0%	3.7%
3. Contacting the individuals, developing questions to ask them, and then conducting the interviews challenged my thinking and writing skills.	20%	<b>60%</b>	14.5%	5.5%	1.8%
4. Writing the interview reflections was clearly presented by the instructor.	25.5%	<b>61.8%</b>	3.6%	7.3%	1.8%

Question #5: What did you like and what did you not like about the portfolio.

I did not like the interview part of it, but that's just because it yanked me out of my antisocial element.

I liked being able to talk to both students and professors to learn more about my intended major and what it would take for me to succeed.

I liked talking to my old teachers and hearing their opinions. I also liked learning more information about my possible future career. However, I would have preferred to not do this assignment in general, but it's just because I have a lot of things to do, so it was difficult finding time to do this whole portfolio. It's not that I found this portfolio insanely challenging, I just don't have a lot of time.

I liked that I was able to meet a professor at the College of Education. Also doing this portfolio gave me much more experience in writing. I did not like that we had to write so many papers.

I liked being able to see what past teachers of mine had to say, and knowing things that I didn't know before about them was pretty nice. I did not like the whole putting it on Wiki and would've much preferred to make it into a hard copy, but oh well, it's ok. Overall, I had to say it was a pretty fun and interesting project!

I deeply feel that this portfolio helped me in making my decision as to what I would like to pursue as my career. As well as helping me set some goals and achieving them.

I enjoyed doing the interviews it really helped me learn a lot about the career that I am going into. I did think it was a lot of unnecessary writing though. The portfolio could have been just as effective with less amounts of written essays.

Findings for the resume & interview assignment for the **fall of 2007**

Survey Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I felt that this portfolio assignment was well-organized	48.2%	<b>51.9%</b>	3.7%	3.7%
2. I have grown as a writer	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>66.7%</b>	7.4%	0.0%
3. The interviews were time-consuming	11.1%	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>51.9%</b>	3.7%
4. I learned a lot from the interviews	<b>66.7%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	0.0%	0.0%

Student responses:

Well, I believe that portfolio one was a worthwhile experience and something I hadn't come across before.

It was very open-ended, but with structure. This made the assignment easy with little complication. There were, however, some confusion in the process of making it.

I felt that it was a good assignment and that I gained better knowledge of my community.

This portfolio is going to help me in the long run being that imp doing research on pharmacy and that is what I am interested in doing in the future. I think it's time consuming and it will be tough but at the same time I will enjoy writing it and gain knowledge.

It was interesting to see how my writing has changed from high school to now, before I thought it sucked I guess because in High school its the teachers way or the highway, but my confidence is up, the only struggle I have is starting it up, but once I'm on fire things roll pretty smooth

Growing as a writer wasn't due to the portfolio one I'm just a poor writer

I really enjoyed this assignment. I felt it was very useful to interview people and learn about the diversity around us.

This is Pete and my comments about portfolio one is that it was really good opportunity to interview some people. That helps us to get to know more people or even your friends in a much more better manner.

I rather do a portfolio than a test so I really like the portfolio

The initial plan was confusing - I had no idea where to start, or what direction to take it in. I felt like I had constructed my own project, with minor instructions from the teacher.

I thought it was good. I got to learn a lot about people that I did not know about them.

I think that this portfolio worked out well, and we had good talks to help understand.

I thought it was interesting to learn more about what I am going to be doing when I finish school.

Portfolio One was not that difficult to do. It was kind of informative but not really. It seemed that there was too much stuff that went with it.

Well portfolio one was good for me because it help me achieve a lot of things and it helped me focus on my major as well.

It was an enjoyment and very eye opening.

It provided a chance to practice some skills on my major-communication, just like doing interviews. I like it very much.

I think this is a great project. I did not mind putting in the work to get a good grade because in the end it was very rewarding.