Chapter 1

Activity File 1-2 Researching Post High School Programs

**Directions:** Complete the following online activity to learn more about how to research post high school programs.

“Choices are the hinges of destiny.” This quote has been attributed to Greek mathematician Pythagoras and also to poet Edwin Markham. What do you think it means? At this point in your life, some big deci­sions are coming. What your future will be—your destiny—hinges on the choices you make. You’ll need to make those decisions wisely.

Certainly, some of the biggest decisions on the horizon are aimed at a career. In this course, you’ll be exploring career options and examining how education and training can get you where you want to go. To start on the path from school to career, go to the website below and answer the questions that fol­low. You’ll see the role that career colleges and technical schools can play. The website also contains useful and interesting information. You can find out about financial assistance as well as link to many resources.

1. Navigate to the following Career Colleges and Technical Schools page of the US Department of Education website. Once there, select “Questions to Ask.” What are the four categories of questions?

<http://www2.ed.gov/students/prep/college/consumerinfo/index.html>

<<Place Answer Here>>

2. Suppose you want to know whether a school is operating legally or if the state requires the school to be licensed or certified. How could you find out about this?

<<Place Answer Here>>

3. Find this question on the web page: “Should you visit the school?” What does the information suggest that you do? What are three questions you should ask during a school visit?

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4. On the website, find this question: “How can you avoid diploma mills and unaccredited colleges?” What is a diploma mill? Explore the link below to learn more. What are two suggestions offered by the Better Business Bureau regarding diploma mills?

<<Place Answer Here>>

5. Navigate to the following website. Search for colleges in a state of your choice. You will need to enter the information on the left, so key in what most closely fits your current interests. Choose a college, click on it, and see what information you can find. Summarize what you learned.

http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

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6. Ask your instructor where to save your documents. This could be on the school’s network or a flash drive of your own. Name your Word document *FirstnameLastname*\_Activity1-2.docx (e.g., JohnSmith\_Activity1-2.docx).