Occupational Research Sheet

• Career / Occupation

• Nature of the work

- o Duties / Responsibilities
- o Skills / Abilities
- o Activities
- o Typical work day

• Working conditions

- o Work environment
- o Hours per day / week
- o Work alone or with others
- o Type of supervision
- o Populations worked with (age, socio-economic level etc.)
- o Psychological aspects of work setting (stress levels, deadlines, multiple tasks, etc.)

• Qualifications

- o Education / Certification
- o Skills / Aptitudes
- o Prior Experience
- o Personal characteristics and traits

• Preparation needed for entry into the occupation

- o Academic degree/training, length and cost of education, which colleges offer this course and where are they located
- o Internships and/or work shadowing

• Opportunities and future outlook

- o Workforce size and composition
- o Geographic distribution
- o Large/small firms
- o Security/advancement/related opportunities?

• Economic benefits

- o Entry-level/average annual earnings (locally and elsewhere)
- o Related benefits (health insurance, holiday, sick leave, further education)

• Non-economic benefits

- o Personal satisfaction
- o Associated lifestyle
- o Psychological rewards

Disadvantages

- o Irregular work hours
- o Seasonal work
- o Overtime or night work
- o Travel
- o Hazards

