

Background Research Questions

What would life be like as a _____?

- typical day or week, primary duties and responsibilities, tools and equipment, earning potential

What education and training would I need?

- recommended high school courses, post-secondary education and training, on-the-job or apprenticeship training, other related training or education considered an asset

What kind of previous experience would be helpful?

- list volunteer work as well as any employment experience, hobbies and leisure activities

What would the work environment be like?

- indoor or outdoor work / noisy or quiet environment / office, plant, other / amount of travel involved / work alone or mostly teamwork

Who would I work for?

- large or small company / contract work or self-employment / typical employers

Where would the work be located?

- locally or in own province/territory, in other parts of Canada, internationally

Will the work environment meet my personal needs or lifestyle?

- regular hours of work / type of shift work schedules / on-site day care available / flexible work arrangements / amount of travel / family-supportive benefits

What does the future look like for this kind of work?

- number of jobs likely to increase, decrease, or stay the same / technological changes and trends that may affect this field / labour shortage or surplus anticipated

What transferable skills do I have?

- manual/physical, communication, organizational, computer, leadership, personal attributes
