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**Assignment 2.3 - Formal Report – Draft Survey and Informational Interviews**

Determining Feasibility of a Professional Psychology Career

**Online Survey:** Graduate psychology students near the end of their academics who are preparing to enter the field

I am an undergraduate psychology student at UBC conducting a feasibility analysis of a professional psychology career.  The purpose of this survey is to collect primary data for an analysis that aims to provide recommendations that help students assess fit of a professional psychology career. The final formal report will address Dr. Steven Barnes, an undergraduate psychology academic advisor at UBC, and ultimately, UBC psychology undergraduate students that refer to the document. The data I gather will allow me to describe the requirements and skills necessary to be successful in the field. The survey contains 8 questions, and it should take about 10 minutes of your time. Your responses are voluntary and confidential. Thank you, I appreciate your generous participation in my survey.

1. Please indicate the graduate degree(s) you are earning/earned: (Select all that apply)
2. MA/MS
3. Ph.D
4. Psy.D.
5. Other Doctorate (please specify)
6. Is/was the primary emphasis of your graduate training: (Mark one only)
7. Research training
8. Clinical service
9. Both research and practice
10. Other (please specify)
11. What is/was the duration of your graduate training? (In months)
12. Please describe your career goals and interests once finished your graduate training?
13. Rank the skills necessary to excel as a professional psychologist in order of importance(from 1- 6, 1 being most important).
    1. Interpersonal skills
    2. Observational skills
    3. Integrity
    4. Patience
    5. Problem-solving skills
    6. Analytical skills
14. What factors differentiate those who succeed from those who fail at this occupation?
15. If you had the choice, would you again choose psychology as your field?
16. Yes
17. Not sure
18. No
19. What advice would you give prospective psychology students who want to be successful in the field?

**Informational Interview:** Dr. Darko Odic, Assistant Psychology Professor at UBC

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**Questions:**

1. What training is required (or most typical) for a professional psychology degree?
2. What is your primary work setting?
3. In just a few words, how would you describe your job? What are the primary activities you engage in?
4. What skills can help someone excel in this field?
5. What makes your field most unique from some of the other fields?
6. What other non-psychology-related activities does your job entail that you did not expect? For example, does your job include accounting, business administration, or other activities?
7. What is the best thing about your field? What would you tell an undergraduate psychology student to encourage them to enter your field?
8. What is your least favorite thing about your field? What would you tell a college student to discourage them to enter?
9. What advice would you give prospective psychology students who want to be successful in the field?

**Informational Interview:** Dr. Steven Barnes, Associate Head of Undergraduate Psychology Affairs

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