**Personal Financial Literacy Portfolio Assignment Rubric Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Due May 17, 2017**

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| **Portfolio Components** | **Expectations** | **Points Available** |
| **Part 1: Profession Comparison** | * In a bulleted list answer the 8 questions provided on the half sheet using the Bureau of Labor Statistics website (additional research may or may not be necessary). Complete the college course of study requirement for both professions. In a separate paragraph explain any similarities or differences between the two professions. | **20 points** |
| **Part 2: Monthly Budgets** | * Monthly budget of expenditures and savings (**Budget calculator sheet)** for each profession (2 sheets) | **20 points** |
| **Part 3: College Loan & Car Debt** | * Construct a Spreadsheet for the higher paying profession. You can now afford a car because of the higher paying profession. Use this spreadsheet to show your additional debt for buying a car. Use [www.carmax.com](http://www.carmax.com) to determine car payments; include a picture of your car, its cost, possible down payment, interest & insurance costs for the car, why you chose it vs. another car. In addition, you have a student loan debt from college. The average student loan debt in 2016 was $37,000. What can you pay a month on this debt? What would factor into this payment? | **20 points** |
| **Part 4: Mortgage & Credit Card Debt** | * Construct a Second Spreadsheet for the higher paying profession. Use this spreadsheet to recalculate your debt to include a mortgage payment for a home (On a separate page include a picture of the house; in one paragraph discuss the cost, interest, why you chose this particular house, and the insurance necessary). Go online to determine the best home in the Raleigh area, best bank and mortgage payment for you. You can only afford to put $20,000 as a principal down payment on the home. * Include a $1000 credit card debt on the second spreadsheet as part of your debt for the same profession (choose one credit card to carry the debt; compare at least three credit cards to choose the best rate for you. Begin with a Discover Card at the following site: <https://www.discover.com/credit-cards/cardmember-agreement/pricing.html>. Don’t settle for it though! Compare the interest rates of at least two other cards (i.e. Capital One MasterCard, NCSECU Visa, etc.) * Paragraph explaining the difference between these **two spreadsheets** that include more debt and your original **budget calculator sheet**. How did the mortgage payment impact your budget? What were any monthly opportunity costs? How did the $1000 credit card debt impact your budget? What were the monthly opportunity costs? Why did you choose the card from those listed? What interest rate does the card carry? Annual Fees?) | **20 points** |
| **Part 5: Savings and Investments** | * Spreadsheet showing your savings and potential investments (savings account, stock market, IRA, money market, etc.). Demonstrate that you are saving and investing monthly. Research the following banks: Wells Fargo (<https://www.wellsfargo.com/>) and Citi Bank (<https://www.citi.com>) . Choose one form of personal savings at a particular bank. Why did you choose this bank? Choose a specific retirement investment for a fixed monthly amount. Why this amount? What are you saving for? Why this bank? How much do you need to invest in order to retire comfortably at age 55? Age 65? What other sources of income could you rely on in retirement? | **10 points** |
| **Part 6: Final Thoughts** | * One page typed, double spaced, 11-12 font, on what you learned from this project. | **10 points** |
| **Total Points** |  | **100 points** |

**Examples of pages and order:**

Page 1: **Title, Name, and class period**

Page 2: **Profession Comparison**: Chart comparing the two professions and a paragraph on how your life would be different

Page 3: **Monthly Budget**: Monthly Budget calculator sheet for each profession

Page 4: **College Loan & Car** **Debt**: Using the higher income profession, calculate an additional spreadsheet, listing all additional debt (Car, Student Loans). Calculate this impact on your total budget.

Page 5: **College Loan & Car** **Debt**: Include a page discussing in one paragraph the answers to the expectation questions listed and specifically how your car and college loan listed impacted your initial budget

Page 6: **Mortgage and Credit Card** **Debt**: Using the higher income profession, calculate an additional spreadsheet, listing your new monthly mortgage payment and credit card debt payment, in additional to your monthly car payment.

Page 7: **Mortgage and Credit Card** **Debt:** Summarize the choice of your new house by answering the expectation questions (specifically answer why you picked a specific mortgage instead of continued rent, include a picture of the home, its total cost; and your monthly principal, interest, and insurance payment); include a paragraph on credit card debt using the expectation questions.

Page 8: **Savings & Investments**: Spreadsheet showing your savings and Investments with answers to the expectation questions

Page 9: **Final thoughts**