**College & Career Planning Assignment One: My Transfer Plans**

**Rationale:**

This course is titled “College Transfer Success.” In order to transfer successfully, you must have a plan! Although your plan may change, it is essential that you pick a direction and plan your program of study in a manner that moves you in that direction. This assignment is designed to help you think through the direction you have chosen and to help solidify your plans to make it happen.

You will write an essay about your transfer plans.

**Transfer Planning Essay**

The new Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) is designed to make it easier for North Carolina Community College students to transfer to one of the University of North Carolina Institutions. However, students have many choices and the decisions made have important implications. There are some key decisions that student should make very early in their community college career in order to ensure a smooth transfer. Perhaps the two biggest decisions are:

1. What do I want to major in?

2. What university do I want to transfer to?

There are many factors students should consider when answering these two big questions. Typically, the first question drives the response to the second question because universities offer different majors and specialties. However, some students may be limited to a particular university due to family, work, budget, or other situations. Students cannot assume their local university has the program of study they are interested in. You must research your university of choice!

This assignment is designed to help you think through these two important questions and your unique circumstances. To complete this assignment, please write an essay titled using this scheme: First Name, Last Name, University Choice, Major. For example, my title would be *Laura Brannon, Appalachian State University, Spanish*. In your essay address the following:

1. If you had to pick your major right now, what would it be? Why? Elaborate.

2. How certain are you about this major? What other choices are you considering?

3. How does this major relate to your career goals?

4. Why have you picked this career goal? Elaborate.

5. If you had to pick your transfer university right now, what would it be? (Be sure it offers your major.)

6. Why did you pick this university? Elaborate.

7. What would your second university choice be? Why? Elaborate.

8. You must consider how you will pay for college. You do not have to write about your financial situation in this essay (unless you wish to). However, please consider the cost of tuition, housing, books, etc. You must have a plan!

**Grading:**

Your work will be graded according to the rubric found in course documents. Please do not provide a bulleted list. This should be an *essay*. Remember that college level/formal writing does not include contractions, and uses correct spelling and grammar.