Ingenuity in Action – Professional Exploration

Language for pre-approved course syllabus

The Ingenuity in Action program provides guided opportunities for students to document and reflect on their educational experiences.  Completed experiences are noted on a student’s academic transcript in addition to any course credit earned.

This course has been pre-approved as meeting the expectations and requirements of the Professional Exploration category.

If you are interested in participating in this program, I will serve as your sponsor. You will need to submit a proposal to begin the process. In your proposal, you will need to select the appropriate category and provide contact information for you, your academic adviser, and your sponsor.  After the completion of the course, you will need to complete and/or upload a final reflection to be reviewed and approved by me.

The learning outcomes that the course plans to achieve are as follows:

1. You will be able to identify and assess your unique skills and consider how those skills may be relevant to career opportunities.
2. You will understand field-specific professional norms and expectations.
3. You will practice foundational professional skills appropriate across industries.
4. You will develop plans for future career possibilities based on knowledge gained from your experience.
5. You will demonstrate a tolerance for ambiguity when facing unexpected or uncomfortable circumstances.

Start thinking about the reflection questions now. You are encouraged to keep a daily journal during this experience to aid the reflection process. The reflection questions are as follows:

1. What unique skills did you employ over the course of this project/experience (Learning Outcome 1)?
2. Describe an unexpected or challenging circumstance you encountered. How did you manage the situation and what did this experience teach you about professionalism in the workplace (Learning Outcomes 2, 5)?
3. What skills or additional training could you pursue as a next step to advance your career pursuits (Learning Outcome 3)?
4. Create a [resume entry](https://www.cornellcollege.edu/berry-career-institute/pdfs/Resume%20Sample-%20Preferred%20Format.pdf), including the title of the position/project and 1-3 bullet points (resume style) describing your experience. Focus on aspects of your experience that demonstrate the applicable skills you gained as a result of this experience (Learning Outcomes 3, 4).

The proposal link is:  <https://cornellcollege.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1IdLZTQZ8m13UCp>

The reflection link is: <https://cornellcollege.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfjf5dxXfuVxuip>

More details on the program and the specific experiential categories can be found at <https://cornellcollege.edu/ingenuity/ingenuity-in-action/index.shtml>