

VMHS Senior Culminating Project Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the time requirement for the presentation?

The presentation must be between 8 and 10 minutes. The panel leader will stop you if you reach 10 minutes.

2. Do I have to complete a demonstration?

Yes, all students must include a demonstration. This can be in the form of a video that you record with your phone and embed in to your presentation. This will also enable you to incorporate creative media which is a requirement of the SCP. Ask friends and family members to participate in your video. Act out a scene that demonstrates a typical activity that you will do in your potential career. Here are a few ideas/suggestions:

- a. a nurse or doctor in scrubs asking patients questions, taking blood pressure, etc.
- b. a mechanic who changes a car's oil or tires
- c. a physical therapist who asks his/her patient questions regarding an injury and then demonstrates some exercises to the patient
- d. include a brief video interview with someone who works in your desired career
(**NOTE:** Ask someone to record you as you ask relevant questions to elicit worthwhile information. The interview should not be more than 30 seconds.)

The purpose of the demonstration is for the student to demonstrate he/she understands the daily responsibilities they will fulfill once they are in their career/job.

3. What are the requirements for my attire?

You can wear professional attire, or you can wear a uniform or clothing that you will wear once you are working in your job or career. Here are two examples:

- a. If you are entering the military, you can wear a camouflage uniform during the SCP.
- b. If you are going to be a chef, you can wear black pants, a chef's coat, and a chef's hat during the SCP.

4. How early should I be for my scheduled presentation?

You should arrive 10 minutes early and wait outside the classroom. A panel member will open the door and invite you in when they are ready for you. If you are late, you risk not presenting because the panel members are required to follow the scheduled presentation

times. If you do not present due to tardiness, see Mrs. Hansen in East Hall. You will tell her you missed your scheduled time and need to present during the make-up session which will be some time before Thanksgiving break.

5. When will I know if I pass or if I did not pass?

The panel members will ask you to leave after your presentation. They will deliberate if necessary, add and average your rubric scores, and call you back in to the room to notify you of your pass/did not pass status. If you did not pass, the panel will give you a brief explanation of what you must include next time. The panel understands that students who do not pass will have questions, but the panel members will only be able to provide a brief explanation at that time, to ensure they stay on time for their subsequent presentations. Panel members will write notes on the rubrics, which students will review with their counselors. This will tell you what you specifically need to do in the event that you did not pass the SCP the first time.

6. Will I receive my rubrics after my presentation?

No, panel members will not give the rubrics to students after their presentations. Students who do not pass the SCP will review their rubrics when they meet with their counselor. Panel members will give all rubrics to the counselors.

7. If I do not pass the SCP the first time, when will I present again?

If the panel members notify you that you did not pass the SCP, you will go see Mrs. Pickrahn in East Hall. She will give you a date and time for your re-do presentation which will be some time prior to Thanksgiving break.

8. How will I know when I am approaching the 10-minute mark?

Students are encouraged to use the stopwatch app on their phones. You may set up the stopwatch in a place you can see it, hit start, and start speaking. Panel members will also time you, but they are not going to give you warnings about time. It is imperative you practice to ensure that you are giving a polished presentation that provides all required information in the specified time frame.

9. How will I manage my Prezi, PowerPoint, Sway, etc?

You will log in to your presentation. A panel member will sit at the computer and click through the slides for you. You will simply say “Next” when you are ready for the next slide.

10. Will the panel members ask me questions after my presentation?

Yes, the panel may ask additional questions for clarification if you did not address all of the required discussion items, if information was vague, or if information was incorrectly described. This will enable the panel to determine if you are familiar with the content. The questions are *not* considered part of your presentation. You as the speaker are required to be detailed and informative during the presentation. Be sure to practice and provide as much information as possible within the time frame.

11. Which form of technology should I use to create my SCP presentation?

Students may use any of the following free presentation tools which are accessible online: Prezi, PowerPoint, Google Presentations, Sway, Keynote, Slide Share, or Slide Rocket. Students should not save their presentation on a thumb drive which can be lost and transfer a virus to the class room computer.

12. Am I required to include a second career as a “back-up plan”?

Yes, you must include information about a second career that also interests you. The two careers do not have to relate to each other. You will spend the bulk of the SCP presentation discussing and describing your first choice, but you must also provide the same information (to a much lesser degree) about a second potential career.