The STEM Field Essay. Pick a career in a STEM field that you might pursue (Physician Associates), and research and analyze it from a variety of angles. Don't worry aboutcommitment. Whether you are fully committed to a highly specific career path, or you're just testi:ng the wateJ;S of a career you might be into, the whole point of the assignment is to take one field or career trajectory within S~ tum it around and analyze it from a variety of perspectives. You will compose an essay of3-5 pages (double spaced, 12pt font) that explores a STEM related career from at least three different angles.. Your paper should engage at .least three of the critical approaches from the other side of these directions. Yom cover page will be a faux cover letter (not counted as the 3-5 essay pages) in the style and format of a professional, career-oriented cover letter with solid formatting, but a zero grade for content. Consider this an opportunity to talk to me ( or your potential employer) with a sense of play and daring. Anything between the official opening and closing of the letter, in format is your playground. Toe brave and assertive among you will take advantage of this. Those of you that are more shy should still take advantage of this section to address me directly if it seems helpful. Minimum requirements: 1. Cite any outside information used in your essay using the "conversational citation" style described in class. 2. Rather than a cover page, your first page will be a brief, fictional cover letter. This part of the essay will only be graded on fonnatting rather than content, so the body of the letter does not ~ave to be long, correct or overly flowC'J')'. - 3. (On the first body page) An original title that hints at the overall theme or findings of the essay 4. 3-5 pages (Full three pages of written text minimum, not counting cover and sources page) s. A thesis statement somewhere in the first paragraph in bold face type, T}:iis sentence should sum.IJUUUe your larger conclusions based on your cumulative research and observations. If you are shooting for the "A" your thesis will successfully bring together all your observations into one larger conclusion about fbe' compatibility of this career field and your own skills, interests, values and goals. 6. The essay uses concrete examples and nuance to support abstract ideas and generalizations., 7. The essay uses strong transitions to link perspectives on the topic in a way that demonstrates continuity and a larger thesis. 8. This is not an official APA paper. However, for full credit DO List your sources on aQ. additional fi~al page (not~ of the 3.5 page parameters) but this list dQes not need to adhere to the specs of an official APA format. Make sure your paper engages at least three of the following approaches to your topic: -lnteniew~th a veteran of the field. Interview someone who is already doing some version of what you want to do and bwld two thoughtful paragraphs of your essay around their insights. -Fictional representations or media depictions of people in your field. -Stereotypes vs Reality. -Quantitative Perspective: What's the average salary? How many people are in the field? How competitive is the market? -Controversy and arguments in the field. Ethical quandaries, common disagreements, incompatible philosophies. -An obvious threat to the field. -The most common problem in the field? The most frequently encountered challenge in the field. -A "narrative from the front lines." -The " I wouldn't tell my boss" angle. What are some of the personal concerns, suspicions or phobias you have about this particular career path? What are you worried about that you might not want to advertise or ask a typical professional in the field about?