Sample Student Reflection: On The Course

Without a doubt, accounting has played a vital role in the field of business. None of the entity can recognize its revenues and expenses and come to know where its financial standing is without the accounting system, which also provides useful information for making wise decisions. With that being noted, I chose accounting as my major in light of its greater job availabilities and encouraging compensation, given the challenges I will face and skills I will need to develop in the career.

As an accounting clerk at a window and door company for two years and a half, I have been responsible for journal entry, account reconciliation, as well as other bookkeeping procedures. I also assist sales department in cost estimation for quotation use. Besides, inventory control is also placed under my charge, not to mention the preparation of weekly inventory reports and sales projections. Admittedly, after pursuing the accounting major at LaGuardia Community College, I have been acquainted with accounting principles and have built my knowledge from understanding the basic of financial and managerial accounting to a more advanced coursework in cost accounting and accounting system. Particularly, the program has been so helpful in developing the skills necessary for the successful completion of my current job as an accounting clerk.

However, workload and timeliness have been my significant issues. Thus, innovative technological tools need to be introduced to increase the flexibility and efficiency by reducing human errors and provide real-time outcome. For that, implementation of some dedicated accounting software has been taken into account. On top of that, I also need statistical knowledge such as collecting data and constructing graphs and diagrams to deliver effective presentations. Oral and writing skills are also essential in making good communications with other people. Luckily, I have found those courses that can help me out in my career: Elementary Statistics prepare me for data collection and calculation methods; Fundamental of Speech Communication and English Composition Courses have improved my communication and writing skills; particularly the Introduction to Information System has inspired me with the concept of ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) which integrates all departments and functions throughout an organization into a single IT system so that employees can make decisions by viewing enterprise wide information on all business operations.

As interesting and challenging a career as the accounting might seem to be, I have set up my goal of advancement to an accounting manager, although this position might require a bachelor's degree in area of specialty and some years of experience in the field. Upon my graduation in LaGuardia Community College, I am planning to transfer to Queens College to pursue higher education. In addition, I also consider participating in some volunteering activities such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program in order to apply the knowledge that I have learned in class, gain some hands-on experience as well as grab the opportunity to enhance my resume. Being aware of the requirements for my major and making a better evaluation of my career, hopefully I can elaborate a perfect educational plan thus believing in my strong ambition to grow in the future.