***Student Module 1: Defining Global Competence***

**Assignment 1: Why Is Global Competence Important?**

In *Student Module 1*, students will explore career situations that illustrate how stronger skills in global competence could have helped individuals successfully navigate complicated circumstances. Becoming more open to others’ perspectives is one way to learn more about the world and how to approach global challenges.

This interview assignment on the importance of global competence is one step to become an active citizen and community member. Interviewing others provides students with an opportunity to recognize a variety of points of view, communicate more clearly, and learn how to collaborate within diverse groups.

This assignment could be followed up with the [Global Industry Analysis](https://digitalpromise.org/initiative/global-education/student-assignments/) assignment (from *Faculty Module 8: Internationalizing Work-Based Learning*) to focus more strongly on the global nature of industries or companies.

Consider using the Question Formulation Technique (QFT) to help students brainstorm interview questions. You can learn more about the QFT in [*Faculty Module 10: International Connections Through Social Media*](https://digitalpromise.org/initiative/global-education/a-future-ready-workforce-preparing-community-college-students-for-a-global-economy/).

**Interview Assignment:**

**Why Is Global Competence Important?**

Interviewing industry workers or people who are impacted directly by a career field is the most authentic way you can gather opinions on a topic. Interview three to five people about whether they believe global competence is important for their career. Brainstorm a list of questions on this topic and be sure to ask them to explain their answers.

Keep these questions in mind as you are brainstorming your own interview questions:

* Why is global competence important?
* How can international trends and topics influence jobs or careers?
* In what ways does sustainable development impact my career field?
* Is there diversity in the workforce? Why is diversity important to my field?

Once you have completed the interviews, write a reflection about your experience. Did the answers to your questions surprise you? Was there information given that you were not expecting to hear?