Job Shadowing Interview

Objective
Research an occupation through a job shadowing experience.

Procedure
Explain the purpose of the job shadowing activity as an experiential learning activity that enables students to gather information on careers before deciding on a course of study. Students visit worksites, during which time they “shadow,” observe, and ask questions of individual workers. Job shadowing helps students explore careers, obtain first-hand knowledge that comes from being in a job setting, meet with professionals in their workplace, link classroom information to the work world, and confirm or dispel their interest in a career path.

Assign the “Job Shadowing Interview” worksheet to be completed during the interview.

Suggested Performance Measure
Completion of “Job Shadowing Summary” worksheet following the shadowing experience

Grade Level: 9–10
Career Education Competencies
• Self-Understanding
• Significance of Work
• Interpersonal Skills
• Occupational Information
• Education and Work
• Economic Awareness

Applicable Tasks
Phase 1
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Phase 2
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Phase 3
1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9

Related Academic Standards of Learning
English
9.4, 9.6, 10.7, 10.10, 10.11

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Person Interviewed _________________________________________ Date of Interview _____________

Person’s Organization _________________________________________ Title ______________________

Organization’s Address ________________________________________ Phone _____________________

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1. What are the responsibilities of your job?

2. What skills does your work require?

3. What kind of training/education did you get, and where did you receive it?

4. How did you get your job?

5. What are your greatest satisfactions on the job?
6. What are the biggest problems or drawbacks that you’ve found with your job?

7. What advice could you offer to a person entering your field?

8. Write down anything else you wish to share that was not covered by the questions above.
Job Shadowing Summary

After you have completed one of the Job Shadowing Information worksheets, answer the questions that follow.

Person Interviewed ____________________________________ Occupation _____________________

1. Is this still a job you think you would like? Explain.

2. What training, education, experience, or skills do you need to qualify for this job? How can you acquire them?

3. Were you surprised by anything the person you interviewed told you?

4. Do you think it would be helpful to talk to more people in this field? Explain.

5. Are there other related jobs that might be closer to what you are looking for? What are they?

6. Did you see people working in nontraditional roles? Give examples.

7. Where can you look for additional information?