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” report to be completed during the interview.

**Suggested Evaluation**
Completion of “Job Shadowing Summary” following the shadowing experience
Suggested Learning Activities

Job Shadowing Interview Report

Person Interviewed ________________________________

Date of Interview ____________________________________________

Person’s Organization ___________________________ Title ___________________________

Organization’s Address ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

What are the responsibilities of your job?

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What skills does your work require?

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

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How did you obtain your job?

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What are your greatest satisfactions on the job?

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Suggested Learning Activities

What are the biggest problems or drawbacks that you have found with your job?

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

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To the student: Write down anything else you wish to share that was not covered by the questions above.

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Suggested Learning Activities

Job Shadowing Summary

After you have completed the “Job Shadowing Interview,” answer the following questions.

Person Interviewed ________________________  Occupation ________________________

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

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

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

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

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Are there other related jobs that might be closer to what you are looking for? If so, what are they?

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Did you see people working in nontraditional roles? If so, give examples.


Where can you find additional information in relation to this job?


Suggested Learning Activities