**Job Shadow Interview Questions**

**Person to be interviewed:** Dr. Joel Ramirez

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**Job Title:** Sports Medicine Specialist

**Business:** Living Water Clinic

**Place of Interview:** 833 N. Sequoia Ave., Lindsay, CA 93247 **Date and Time of Interview:** 8/25/16 @ 9:00a.m.

**Estimated Time of Interview:**5 hours

I choose to job shadow Dr. Joel Ramirez because I wanted to get advice from someone who is in the medical field and has experience. I wanted to ask him questions about the MCAT, Medical school and residency training. I want to know what is required of me, especially how time consuming pursuing a career in the medical field and any advice he would recommend.

* **What training or education is required for this type of work?**
  + Any bachelor’s degree (BS) plus medical school perquisite classes study and take the MCAT, Medical school (MD). Then depending on specialization training varies.
* **How much flexibility do you have in terms of dress, hours of work, vacations, etc…?**
  + It depends. I am the co- owner of my own practice and because I am the owner I get to decide. However, if I had been working in a hospital I would have had to adapt to their policies and guidelines. If I ever needed to go out for a month I could ask my other 2 partners if they could cover my work.
* **Do you work a lot of overtime?**
  + Yes and no. I only work 3 to 4 days a week. But since I’m one of the business owners I have to manage 3 clinics, one in Lindsay and two in Porterville. Whatever the business needs, I have to do it all, along with my two other partners.
* **What inspired you to choose your career?**
  + I like helping people, I wasn’t doing well in school and I knew I had to change something in my life. So I transferred schools and started getting good grades.
* **What school(s) did you attend? Are there any schools you recommend?**
  + I went to Medusa high school then transferred to Turlock high school. Then I went to Fresno city and transferred to UCLA. I attended medical school in UCLA. Find schools where you think well offer you the best opportunities for what you want to do.
* **How has your career affected your life?**
  + It has given me different prospective of life, everyone has their own problems and most people open up to doctors because they have trust in you. It’s a very respective title.
* **Do you take work home?**
  + Usually I don’t, maybe just some charts to fill out, but most of the time I come early to finish them.
* **How important are grades/GPA for obtaining a job in this field?**
  + Very important you want to have a high GPA in order to get accept into a medical school without having to do a gap year. You need to study for the MCAT and score very high to be completive. Don’t overwork yourself your first year.
* **What is the most rewarding part of your job?**
  + Knowing that at the end of every day I improved someone’s live whether it was a minor change in medication or major, things like that can make a major improvement in someone’s health.
* **What is the most challenging part of your job?**
  + Navigating changes in policies, sometimes I can’t practice medicine the way I want to. For example not everyone has the same insurance. So I have to go through a list of ‘approved’ medicine based on the insurance’s policy because not all brands are covered. Also, knowing that the patient doesn’t need an x-ray but an MRI. I have to give the patient an unnecessary x-ray, exposing them to radiation, because of insurance policy.