

Job Shadow Narrative

For my job shadow, I decided to job shadow a local physician's assistant here in Lindsay. I chose to job shadow her because I have an interest in a career in the medical field. During my job shadow, she had let me observe how she interacts with her patients. Since she works at a pediatrics office, her patients range from the ages of just a couple of days to seventeen year olds in high school.

One thing that really interested me was the program used in order to keep track of patients. Mrs. Posada showed me the computer program used in order to keep track of the patient's record, appointments, or health issues. Whenever it was time to see a new patient she would first read over their health record and then ask them if it was fine for me to be in the room observing. Most of them said yes except for a preteen that was a bit embarrassed as to why she was at the doctors. After completing her consultation, she would go back to her office, and if the patient needed any medicines or antibiotics she would first read through the medicines that they had received in the past in order to determine which medicine or antibiotic was the best choice.

During one of her consultations she suggested that I did not come along because she would be attending to a teenager my age and there was a possibility that things could have felt awkward for the patient. Each time she would walk into a room, she would walk in with a smile. This make me realize that a job in the medical field also requires one to be a people person.

Later on in the day during the interview she explained to me how technology is always advancing and how now most jobs are being done by technology. But she also explained how the medical field will never be a job that can be replicated by robots. She said "sometimes all you need is a warm, gentle touch." I found this to be true. The medical field will never be a job that is no longer necessary or that has gotten old instead, it is a job that only advances with time and will continue to advance as long as there are people.

As of now, I have decided that I can see myself working the medical field. I know getting there will be a bit difficult to do but it will also be worth it at the end of it all.