

Job Shadow Narrative

I job shadowed Dr. Ramirez on August 5th, 2016. I decided I would job shadow Dr. Ramirez because I want to go into the medical field when I go off into college. Hearing his story from other former LHS students made me curious to why he chose the profession. Also, growing up in different times but in the same area made me want to job shadow him more since Dr. Ramirez would understand my point of views more than another doctor who started off in a big high school with higher family incomes. My job shadow took place at the Living Water Clinic in Lindsay, CA.

During my job shadow I first introduced myself to Dr. Ramirez. After introducing myself, I had the opportunity to sit with him for a while and talk to him about my plans and he then gave me advice as to what I could do. That was when the patients started rolling in. As they started arriving and Dr. Ramirez would go and take a look at them I would go with him and observe what he would do. The patients ranged from people who went for simple monthly check-ins to people who went because they had fractured their kneecap. I was able to see from first hand how it looked and also how it felt since the patient was kind enough to let me feel her knee.

I learned that in that profession, one must have patience and the ability to multitask. I say multitask because of the number of patients in the clinic at once and the Dr. must be able to attend all of them and help them. The only one thing that didn't catch my attention was the fact that school is another 12 years after high school.

I am still interested in becoming a doctor and helping the people in need. I love helping people stay healthy and become healthy. The job shadow really helped me get a closer look into the pathway and really caught more of my attention. It helped me view all the pros and cons of being a family and sports doctor.

Job shadowing Dr. Joel Ramirez was a really amazing experience for me. It not only helped me learn about the career but also I was able to learn a lot from him. Like me, he grew up in Lindsay so he has a better understanding of where i'm coming from so he was able to help me quite a lot.