Student name: Virginia Aguilar

**JOB SHADOW: INTERVIEW WORKSHEET**

This form must be completed during and after the job shadow. **Your final version, complete with responses from your employer must be typed, saved, and uploaded to your senior website.**

**Directions:** This form is to be completed by students prior to their release to shadow and interview someone in the community for their senior project.

Person to be interviewed: Frances Gilbuena Phone: (559)562-9399

Job Title: Physician’s Assistant

Business: Vida Sana Medical Group

Place of interview (specific city/street address) 781 N Sequoia, Lindsay

Date and time of the interview 2:00pm – 5: 30pm

Estimated length of interview 3 ½ hours

Briefly state the nature and purpose of this experience and list the objective you hope to accomplish during the job shadow and interview:

**Question 1:** Are you a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner? If not then what is your job title?

I am actually a Physician’s Assistant, but a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and a Physician’s Assistant is sort of the same thing, they just take a different route to earn their degrees.

**Question 2:** Do you ever feel like you are going to make a mistake?

Oh yes, all the time. Normally there should be someone else here with me to bounce ideas off of, but since it’s just me then I resort to Google. Google is my friend. Another important thing everyone has to consider is that the resources have to be reliable, unlike Wikipedia. Also, there is no guessing in this career field. When people’s lives are at stake guessing is not an option.

**Question 3:** Would you like to acquire a higher position?

No, the next step for me would be to become a doctor and I don’t want to have all of that responsibility. When I leave I don’t want to bring any work home with me.

**Question 4:** Does it become a hassle to walk from one room to the next with each patient?

No, I used to work in a laboratory and all I did was walk. Working in this small clinic, I feel like this much walking isn’t enough.

**Question 5:** Did you know you wanted to work in pediatrics right away?

As a matter of fact I did. I just adore children. I’ve actually been offered different positions where I would work with adults, but I declined because I think that working with adults is much more complicated than working with kids.

**Question 6:** How much flexibility do you have in terms of work hours?

(Starts laughing) Absolutely none; when the clinic is open, I’m here.

**Question 7:** Do you receive any benefits from being a P.A?

Being in the medical field is obviously very rewarding. It provides us with knowledge that we may not know otherwise, teaches us what to do when our own children are ill, and also provides us with decent pay.

**Question 8:** Do you work a lot of overtime?

There is no overtime in this clinic because we are not open twenty-four hours a day. However, in hospitals overtime hours are practically a must. Be ready to work on holidays and work an abundant amount of overtime.

**Question 9:** How well did your college experience prepare you for this job?

It gave me a good idea about what to expect, but it didn’t let me know exactly what I was going to do each and every day. You won’t know what to expect until you actually experience it or yourself.

**Question 10:** What inspired you to choose this career?

A couple of incidents in family members and experiences of my own made me want to help people in the future.

**Question 11:** Which college did you attend and how long did it take you?

At first I went to Fresno State for four years to earn my degree in Biology and then I went to San Joaquin Valley College for two years to become a licensed Physician’s Assistant.

**Question 12:** What is your average time spent here at the clinic?

In this clinic I work 44 hours a week.

**Question 13:** Did you choose to work in this clinic because it was close to home?

No, I do not live in Lindsay. I was offered a lot of jobs, but I chose this one because it gave me more opportunities than other job offers.

**Question 14:** How has this career affected your life?

It has changed everything. This job has given me more stability and has given me more time to spend with my family because in hospitals the employees work a lot of over time so I wouldn’t be able to see them as much.

**Question 15:** How has the economy affected your career?

Right now, a lot of Physician Assistants are needed. The economy has made a P.A’s starting salary higher and a more competitive field.