

A dream that turned into a reality

A dental assistant's role is never easy, but I know someone that does this job fluently. I decided to interview someone in the dental field, because this is the field, I want to go in. The individual I decide to interview is from Virginia Beach and his name is Gabe Timms. He was born and raised in Virginia and adores his hometown. He has been working at Ochave Family Dentistry for almost a year now. Gabe stated that this is one of the best offices he has worked at and the staff are very friendly. His job position is a dental assistant, and he will be working on becoming a dental hygienist in a few years. Gabe is so proud of himself for getting a dental assistant associate degree at a young age. When he was in high school, he went to a technical and career education center and later furthered his education at TCC. I feel as though Gabe is doing very well for himself and will be a very wealthy man soon.

When I was interviewing Gabe, he was very eager to answer all my questions. We went out for breakfast and started talking about our career plans. The first thing he told me was that he had an interest in teeth and that is why he wanted to be in this field. When Gabe was in his sophomore year of high school, he filled out an application for the Vo-Tech education center. Later Gabe found out he got accepted and was so thrilled. When he graduated from the education center, he decided to go to TCC. His role in the dental office is to assist the dentist and sterilize all the instruments used on patients. When he told me this, I said this is the easiest job ever. Then he looked at me with a smirk and said, "It's easier said than done". Gabe stated that the most rewarding part of his job is helping people that have dental needs. It is the most rewarding for him because he enjoys seeing patients smile with their new results. He also told me the most surprising aspect of his career is how other doctors' work. He described how some doctors are fast pace and sloppy with their work, and most doctors on the other hand are organized and do great work on each patient. When Gabe started his job, he told me that the most challenging part was adapting to other doctors working style. A good thing he did was take notes on each of the doctors and by the third week he got the hang of everything. Before we left our breakfast session, he gave me great advice. Gabe told me to, "Be very cautious of what you say to patients also make sure to carefully choose what you say, otherwise it could start a mass amount of trouble for yourself and others. If you aren't sure on a certain topic have them speak to the doctor". Everything Gabe told me makes me want to get into the dental field even more and pursue my dreams.

The interview was very informal, and I learned a lot from it. Gabe told me the ups and downs in a dental office and what to first expect. Throughout the interview he gave me good advice and things to look for when choosing a dental office to work at. In the interview I learned that everyday is not going to be good, but the most rewarding part is seeing patients smile. At the end of the session Gabe told me that he is going to do some networking and help me find an office to do internships for.

Thank You letter for Gabe Timms

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Dear Mr. Timms,

I just want to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to let me interview you. I enjoyed the time spent with you and learning about what you do a day to day basis. I was very excited when you called me back to set up an interview session. All the information was very appreciated, and I have learned a lot from it. As a result of this interview I will continue my career plans in the dental field and strive for greatness in everything I do.

Thank you, again for your time and cooperation in the interview. I am looking forward to setting up another session anytime to hear of any updates. I hope you achieve all your goals in life and continue to make others smile.

Sincerely,

Kelis Smith

