

I feel my professional expectations as an advocate have everything to do with knowing what my role is where I am working. Regardless, there are of course the universal standards to adhere by, but not every job has the same expectations. For example, when I did an interview assignment; being able to speak first hand with a Human Service professional allowed me to get a glimpse of that specific organizations expectations and the way they do things. One thing was their attire. They were allowed to wear anything they wanted, not every job would allow that. Attire is a lot of the time a part of the professional expectations at your workplace.

My values would play a part in the roles I take as a professional because there may be some jobs I am uncomfortable doing or even jobs where I feel like I am not doing enough. For example, if honest and integrity on the job is an expectation or treating all people fairly is an expectation I would do it with ease. However, that may be hard for some people as professionals, especially if their clients are individuals they dislike. In class we frequently talk about our empathetic failures and biases that come from our beliefs and values. If I am not in agreeance with homosexuality and stealing or have biases against people of low socioeconomic status, then I will probably have a challenging time fulfilling the professional expectations of that job. In what instances would that be? Maybe you need to give someone of homosexuality help to get housing or food, it is possible you could end up lying to them or not doing your job to the best of your ability on purpose so that they would not be able to get the help they needed.

I am not going to lie. I currently do not fully abide by the professional expectations at the job I am currently at. I am a desk receptionist for two of the dorm halls on campus. One expectation for us is that we wear the uniform. I rarely wear the pants. I would not recommend this behavior to others though I still do it. I should get more into the habit of following directions

pertaining to that. It just seems I can never get to the store to get a pair of the correct pants when I have the money.

Professionalism is a given in any job. No matter what the expectations or roles are that you have in that job, you should know that it is what you signed up for when you decided to apply. Every job will have something, so you might as well get used to being aware of those various aspects so when the time comes to work somewhere you act accordingly.

In the continuous talk about being professional in the work setting. It has brought much conviction in my heart concerning that I do not normally wear the appropriate pants to work. I have now gone from precontemplative to action over the course of the semester because I know what I am doing is not professional/acceptable. I plan to get to the store as soon as possible to purchase the correct pants (khaki). How can I be trusted with the big things if I cannot be trusted in the little? I am making that change.