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Occupational Therapy

1. Job responsibilities:  What are the major job responsibilities of this position? Service delivery, program planning, resource management, evaluation, and ip development
2. A Day in the Life Of…: Describe “a day in the life” and “a week in the life” of this individual. Hectic, 5 hours of therapy, 1-1:30 hours of testing
3. Education:  What educational background is required for this position? Masters Degree in Occupational therapy What specific skills are needed to perform this job? Organization, multi task, communication/ interaction What classes from an undergraduate degree are most useful to the performance of this job?  Anatomy, neurology, English What, if any, are the needs for more education/skill training after getting the job?depends on setting- for schools- eligibility is most important with schools
4. Career Issues:  How does the person’s current position relate to a whole career (current job is culmination or one stage along the path – what does the career path look like)? Provides different setting options, she chose pediatric half
5. Personal Response:  Prior to this interview, what were your assumptions/ideas about this career?  How have your ideas changed since the interview, if at all?  How well do you think you would fit into this position, given your knowledge about your own interests, values and abilities?  What are your overall impressions of this position and this career field in general?

I was and still kind of interested in Occupational Therapy. My ideas have not changed much since she works in a school setting. I do not care for working in that kind of environment and do not feel I would fit in with working with kids of all ages. I feel like this career choice would be very Interesting and productive.

The following are suggested interview questions.  You must answer at least 5 questions worth 10 points each (10 pts = excellent; 6 pts = average; 4pt = attempted in good faith; 0 pts = did not answer) for a total of **50 points**.

1. What Exercise Science subdiscipline interested you most? Human Anatomy and Physiology
2. What discipline/specific skills/knowledge from specific courses do you actually use on the job? Nuero: Knowledge of brain development, control areas of the brain, muscle innervations What particular courses of those you took have been helpful/relevant? Anatomy
3. What do you do daily?  Weekly?  Monthly?  Yearly?  What percentage of your time on the job is spent in the various Exercise Science job functions (exercise testing, exercise prescription, education, nutritional analysis, etc.)
4. What are the high points and low points of this job? Improving the lives of patients and overall function outcomes is the high. Low points is when patients die unexpectedly or are non-complaint. What are the high points and low points of your career? High is she left her job in management to have more time for family/ children and the career offers a variety of settings. Low points of career is pay would have been better at the management job track.
5. What kind of people do well in this career area?  People with communication skills and medical background Why did you select this area? I have medical background with being an EMT
6. What is the sense of where the jobs are in the field (geographically; city/urban/suburban/country; service, consulting vs. hands-on, etc.)
7. Are there areas of educational specialization that should be considered either during or after an undergrad degree?
8. Are educational updates or higher education degrees necessary? Yes
9. What does a career-long path look like in this field?  What sorts of preparation for the future and/or changes of jobs or companies would one expect along the way?
10. What changes have you noticed or do you expect in your field?
11. With your degree, you chose this particular career path.  What other career opportunities did you/do you have?  Why might you not have taken a particular path that was possible for you, given your educational background?
12. Other questions that you, the interviewer, may have for the professional, such as other questions that might be suggested during the interview itself.  Or, are there other interesting facts or comments might the interviewee wish to share that were not covered in this list of suggested questions?