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Person to be interviewed: **Lilia Shimer**

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Job Title: **Principal**

Business: **School-Summit Charter Academy**

Place of interview: **175 S Mathew Porterville, Ca 93257**

Date and time: **9/1/16 @ 8:30am**

Estimated length of interview: **1 hr**

1.) What qualities does a person need to possess to be in this type of position?

A person needs to be customer service oriented, flexible, creative, team-player, and hard worker.

2) What training or education is required for this type of work?

A master degree in leadership or education and a teaching credential is required.

3) How do you see jobs in this field changing in the future?

In the future, I think administrators will need to be better prepared to support new ideas in the classroom. Especially with technology.

4) How much flexibility do you have in terms of dress, hours of work, and vacation, etc?

We don't have much flexibility with dress. We have a dress code that we have to follow. There is a little bit of flexibility with hours of work but not much during the school day. Our vacation has to be scheduled within the summer months when students are not in session.

5) Do you work a lot of overtime?

We do work overtime due to evening events and meetings. However, it is just part of our professional work day.

6) How well did your college experience prepare you for this job?

My college experience gave me some knowledge of what to expect but until I was actually in this role I began to understand the job itself.

7) What inspired you to choose your career?

I decided to become a classroom teacher when I was in elementary school and then an opportunity presented itself to move into administration.

8) How did you get started in this field?

I was a substitute teacher for 2 years while attending college. Then I began as kindergarten teacher for 5 years. After that I moved to vice-principal for another 5 years and I have been a principal for the last 6 years.

9) What is the most rewarding part of your job?

The most rewarding part is visiting classrooms and interacting with all of the students.

10) What is the most challenging part of your job?

The most challenging part of my job is fitting everything that I have to do during the school day.

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Reflection Essay Job Shadow

In my job shadow i did a lot of walking around walking into classes looking at student while they were working also helped the principal organize classes. I Job shadowed Lily Shimer she is a principal at Summit Charter Academy i job shadowed her on september the first i choose her because i wanted to see how a principle is during school hours and to see if there job is easy or difficult i did the job shadow in Porterville for Burton School District.

At the beginning i got to the school and talked to the principal and answered the 10 questions. While i was sitting down in her office she was having a conversation with the office manager. Around 10 a.m we went to look at the classes and take notes on the students all the kids were in either kinder first or second grade the kids were all very little and friendly. The principal is very nice to the kids and tried making them feel very comfortable in class and treats them as her own. Every student in this school must speak spanish so it took me a while to get use to talking spanish the whole time. After we walked in every class we helped set up new furniture in one of the offices the school has meetings in. After we finished organizing we went out to lunch then came back and said my goodbye.

I learned that being a principal is a friendly job you must always be very friendly to the students. I really enjoyed interacting with all the students and talking to them and seeing how much they really enjoyed being in school. One thing i disliked was being in the office having to do paper work it got very frustrating and boring.

This job is still very interesting to me i will have this job as one of the options because it is a very good paying job and very fun to be with kids. This job does not seem to difficult and everyone is always very friendly,happy and energetic. Kids are

always very joyful and happy which is very nice to be around. This job will definitely will be in my top choices for my future career.