

Interview Assessment #3

Name of Professional: Dr. Azra Jagani

Profession/Title: M.D.: Family Pediatrician

Business/Company name: Frisco Family Clinic

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My third interview marked my first encounter with a major medical professional rather than a writing professional. Dr. Azra Jagani, an M.D. at Frisco Family Clinic, served as my first entrance to the medical field and her unique experience of learning to study medicine in Pakistan gave a clear view on how the education a person receives can change their mannerisms as a health professional. She shared with me how her ability to study in countries allowed for to see the importance of relating to your patients. By learning about how speaking multiple languages made her patients feel more comfortable and trust her more, I saw the connection between writing and medicine that I had been looking for. I learned that while science is important for medicine and historical and current event knowledge is important for writing, communication is the unbreakable foundation for both because, without a solid communication base, professionals in either field could not perform well at their job and people could get hurt.

During the interview, I also asked Dr. Jagani about some of the training and qualities she looks for in doctors or nurses she is hiring at the Frisco Family Clinic. Besides the normal medical school and residency, I learned that she looks for a strong background in psychology and interpersonal skills, which surprised me because no doctor I have talked to has held those skills at a high importance before in the field of pediatrics. Her perspective highlighted the fact that without the psychology background, doctors who work with children will not properly be able to relate to their patients or the parents of the patient. During the interview, I was able to recognize that both a basis in understanding and interpersonal skills relates clearly back to the foundation of writing, which was the most exciting part about the interview. By having the clear correlations between the two fields, I hope to use the interview I gathered in my interview with Dr. Jagani and with the two writing professionals, Mrs. Carol Nuckols and Ms. JoAnn Livingston, that I will be able to formulate a piece that highlights the foundation of communication, which is not clearly defined in the training for either field before going through extensive course loads.

My interview with Dr. Azra Jagani was incredibly enlightening and it strengthened by passion for the field of medicine as she began to go into her favorite part of the job: working with the kids. As the field is focused around children's health, the role of helping children is clearly defined, but the presence of kids all day keeps people on their toes and never lets the doctors get bored according to Dr. Azra Jagani. Throughout my life, I have always wanted to work with kids who, like me, struggled with

their health. Therefore, the thought of working with kids all the time intrigues me greatly. Through pursuing this interview with Dr. Jagani, I learned that the medical field is not just about the grades; it is about the work you put in and helping as many people as you possibly can. That is a lesson that I will carry with me throughout my life and has confirmed within me that I want to pursue this career field this year in Independent Study and Mentorship.