
Impression vs. Reality

Directions: Write a one page paper responding to the questions listed below. Include the chart you created (Item #8) as the second page.

1. When did you first realize that you wanted a career in _____?
2. Write your first impressions of the career in specific detail. How did you visualize yourself in that occupation?
3. What were the sources of your information about the occupation?
 - Personal experience
 - Television
 - Novels
 - Significant person in your life
 - Salary surveys
 - Recruitment information
 - Counselors
4. What kind of work did you picture yourself doing? What activities did you see yourself doing?
5. What relationship did you picture yourself having with the people you cared for?
6. What relationship did you view yourself having with the people (including superiors) you worked with?
7. What problems (if any) did you foresee with this occupation?
8. Create a three-column table to compare and contrast your original impression with the one that you have now. What are the similarities? What are the differences?
9. If the original impression is not the one you have now, what factors are missing? Are those missing factors essential values to you? If so, is it possible to get it back? How?
10. What factors have been added to your original impressions? Do you rate them as positive or negative?

Reflecting on the health career that you are most interested in, prepare to discuss the results in a group discussion.