Colleague Interview #1 with Laura (Registered Nurse)

1. This job interested me because my parents were both nurses and I grew up around it.
2. On a typical day I am running around in this hospital unit taking care of the patients. I am always busy and barely have any down time.
3. 75% of my time is taking care of the patients, calling doctors, and scheduling appointments. The other 25% I am charting.
4. Problems that I see in this field are people get grossed out by the blood and gory parts of it. That’s the fun part to me.
5. You need to go to nursing school for this job and you must take the license test your state requires.
6. You must be good with people and really know your stuff when working in this field. Someone’s life is in your hands.
7. If this job was eliminated I would go back to school and become a doctor.
8. When patients are rude I become uninterested. Nobody wants to work with rude people.
9. This field is growing and many changes are being made. A lot of things we did manually are know switching to electronic.
10. The advice I have for you is get your name out there and start in this field as soon as possible. Go to school right away and don’t slack.

Colleague Interview #2 with Samantha (Certified Nursing Assistant)

1. I decided I want to help people and this was the quickest and easiest way.
2. On a typical day I am answering patients requests and listening to whatever the nurses need me to do. I’m like they’re little assistant.
3. 100% of my day is doing dirty work that nobody wants to do like cleaning briefs and helping change and shower people.
4. A problem I have in this field is my body is always hurting. There is a lot of lifting and moving things and people around.
5. This job requires a course including classroom and clinical time. Then you must get certified through the state.
6. You must have patience in this field.
7. I could go to school and become a nurse. I’ve worked alongside them enough and think I could do their award.
8. The most stressful thing is the millions of things going on at once. Everything is always rushed.
9. Nursing assisants are starting to realize they need to become actual licensed nurses so a lot are moving up so there is a shortage in nursing assistants.
10. Don’t wait until your license is about to expire like I did. Get a job right away.