Person to be Interviewed: Dr. Joel Ramirez

Phone: (559)784-5483

Job Title: Physician

Business: Living Water Medical Clinic

Place of Interview: 222 W. Henderson Ave. Porterville CA 93257

Date and Time of Interview: 12/10/14 11a.m

Estimated Length of Interview: 11a.m-4p.m (5 hours)

Question 1: What training or education is required for this type of work?

Response: Bachelor’s degree, 4 years of Medical School, 3-5 years of residency

Question 2: What inspired you to choose your career?

Response: Interest in science, fascinated with how the heart works and anatomy

Question 3: What school(s) did you attend? Are there any you recommend?

Response: Fresno City College transferred to UCLA for medical school. Recommends a school that majors in exactly what I want to do

Question 4: How has your career affected your life?

Response: Satisfying to work in the medical field. Satisfied knowing that he can make people feel better

Question 5: How did you get started in this field?

Response: Volunteered in Surgical Clinic preparing people for surgery. Then, got a job at a hospital getting people ready for x-rays

Question 6: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Response: Requires helping people and figuring out how to solve problems people come in with

Question 7: What is the most challenging part of your job?

Response: Having to deal with different insurance groups because it affects which medications patients can and cannot take

Question 8: Do you work a lot of overtime?

Response: No. Fortunately, his job is 8-5. Only changes when he is on-call for a hospital which rarely happens

Question 9: What are some key factors and skills needed in your line of work?

Response: Multitasking, ability to pay attention to details, analytical, leadership skills

Question 10: Is your job long-term?

Response: Yes, if his wife and him decide to stay here in the valley and if it will benefit him and his family. He hopes to stay at his clinic