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Events in July

Independence Day- No School

Monday July 4, 2011

Midterms- Day

Friday July 15, 2011

Resume Writing Workshop

Wednesday July 20, 2011

3:00-4:00, 4:00-5:00 and 5:00-6:00

Computer Lab

Midterms- Evening

Friday July 22, 2011

CPR Certification Class

Monday July 25, 2011

3:00-6:00pm

Potluck and Awards- Day

Friday August 5, 2011

Finals- Day

Friday August 5, 2011

First Day of Class- Day

Monday August 8, 2011

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Tell Me About Yourself...

By Emily Kaplowitz

One of the most common and difficult questions to answer in an interview is "Tell me about yourself." Interviewers are aware that this question will make some people nervous and uncomfortable. What they are often looking for is how well you are able to answer the question- meaning how confident you are in your response and how well you have prepared for the question. I recently read an article by Scott Ginsberg titled "10 Good Ways to 'Tell Me About Yourself'" on

www.theladders.com. This website provides a lot of helpful information including articles about job searching and interviewing. Listed below are the ten suggestions for answering the questions "Tell me about yourself."

1. "I can summarize who I am in three words." Grabs their attention immediately. Demonstrates your ability to be concise, creative and compelling

2. "The quotation I live my life by is..." Proves that personal development is an essential part of your growth plan. Also shows your ability to motivate yourself

3. "My personal philosophy is..." Companies hire athletes – not shortstops. This line indicates your position as a thinker, not just an employee

4. "People who know me best say that I'm..." This response offers insight into your own level of self-awareness

5. "Well, I googled myself this morning, and here's what I found..." Tech-savvy, fun, cool people would say this. Unexpected and memorable

6. "My passion is..." People don't care what you do – people care who you are. And what you're passionate about is who you are. Plus, passion unearths enthusiasm

7. "When I was seven years old, I always wanted to be..." An answer like this shows that you've been preparing for this job your whole life, not just the night before

8. "If Hollywood made a movie about my life, it would be called..." Engaging, interesting and entertaining

9. "Can I show you, instead of tell you?" Then, pull something out of your pocket that represents who you are. Who could resist this answer? Who could forget this answer?

10. "The compliment people give me most frequently is..." Almost like a testimonial, this response also indicates self-awareness and openness to feedback"

Spotlight on ATI College Graduate Mayra

Mayra is currently working as an Ultrasound Technician in Phoenix, AZ.

Tell me about your job search (what tools or methods did you use to locate your job?)

Well what can I say, I'm an old fashioned kind of gal, I decided to knock on doors. Yes, the internet is a wonderful resource and it's a great way to get your resume out faster and to more companies, but I prefer the "show your face" method. I came to Phoenix and looked up all of the imaging centers in the area. I looked for anywhere I thought they would use or need ultrasound techs. Then, I got a lot of folders, in them I included: a cover letter, my resume, the school's certificate, a certificate that they gave me at the VA hospital where I did my externship, a copy of my grades, a copy of my CPR card and a copy of my TB test. After I got everything ready I started going to the places that I had found, talking to the office manager and handing them one of my booklets.

How has your education at ATI College prepared you for your job?

I'm very thankful for my great and wonderful instructors at ATI. I was fortunate enough to be able to learn from such intelligent, experienced and nice doctors. Dr. Taliko and Dr. Hesham are the reasons I know what I know and I am where I am. Dr. Hesham is very understanding and explains things very well. Dr. Taliko, well, she just kept me on my toes from day one. She made me want to learn more and want to become a better scanner. She's completely right to be strict and demanding with her students. Now that I look back I'm so glad she was tough with us and showed us discipline. With her strong hand, opinions and comments, I would not have learned as much as I did. I highly respect and love my instructors and I am very honored to have been able to learn from such wonderful and intelligent people.

Tell me about the job setting and what you do (what modalities, patient population, etc.)

When I started working in Phoenix, I started at a 3D u/s place, and then I went to an imaging center where I scanned everything I was taught in school, which was great! I started working for AKDHC in February. At AKDHC I do vein mappings and renal u/s. On my vein mapping days I scan from 9-11 patients. I go around to 8 different offices with my mini ultrasound machine. I use a linear probe and look for veins on patients with CKD and ESRD. I draw them out on a sheet of paper and I write down the diameter of the veins. The surgeon uses this vein mapping to decide where to create an access for patients that need hemodialysis. On my renal u/s days I scan anywhere from 25-30 patient. The doctors just want to look at the kidneys and see if there are any abnormalities since the patients all have CKD.

What advice would you offer a new graduate who is looking for a job?

Have an open mind! I know Cali is home and I know no one wants to leave home but you gotta do what you gotta do. You have to look out for yourself. Don't be afraid to explore other states if you can. You might have an easier time finding a job. I've been in AZ for almost a year and I still miss home; but for now, it's all for the best. While you're looking for a job, take the time to go back to school and scan. It's critical that you keep your scanning skills fresh. Make sure you prepare yourself, prepare a booklet like I did, or a resume and go out and look for opportunities because they are not going to come to you. Apply online then in person- it doesn't hurt to try both and talk to someone where ever you are applying- you never know they might help or keep you in mind. Keep a note of all the places you applied to or people you talked to. Be persistent, give it a few days and call them back to follow up. When you're out job searching, you might be rejected; but don't get discouraged it happens to all of us. If you get turned down, it's ok! Keep trying and something will come up. Stay positive and don't give up!

What advice would you offer a current student?

Pay attention! Learn as much as you can from your instructors- they are the best source of knowledge you have right now. Scan as much as possible. Whatever modality you don't like, practice it more. I can't stress it enough- scan as much as you can. Read as much as possible, learn you anatomy and measurements perfectly. Ask questions, talk with your instructors. Plenty of times I had questions and Dr. Taliko and Dr. Hesham had no problem explaining the answer to me. I'm sure the other instructors would be happy to answer your questions too. Good luck and best wishes to everyone!