

Take Our Kids to Work Day 2019

Location: CCAC (City Centre Aquatic Complex)

Name of my Host: Tom Prelowski

Relationship to me: Family friend

Interview questions

1. What is your job title?

Tom is a supervisor at the Aquatic Centre in Coquitlam.

2. What is your job description?

Tom is the Aquatic Centre supervisor, which is fairly simply explained, he supervises the pool and the gym in the CCAC.

3. What are the duties and/or tasks you perform at your job?

There are quite a few things Tom has to do when he is at work which are very important. The tasks are talking to people and solving their problems, tracking budgets and making sure that pool and lesson scheduling is done.

4. What qualifications do you have for this job in the following areas?

a) Training:

Orientation to the city, to the facility, occupational health and safety training, facility maintenance and training.

b) Certification:

Certification and/or degree in recreation.

c) Experience:

Minimum four years of experience in recreation is needed.

d) Skills and attributes (personal qualities):

Communication skills, interpersonal skills, and knowledge of policies and procedures related to the job.

5. What are some things you like about this job?

Tom says he finds this job fairly challenging which you might expect but it is apparently quite rewarding. The job changes often which Tom likes, and this a very satisfactory profession for him.

6. What are some of the things you dislike about this job?

Tom likes this job for the most part although he does dislike the part where there are some unreasonable expectations from the public. He tries his best to keep everyone happy, which is not always easy.

7. How do you anticipate this job changing in the next 5 years or so?

He doesn't expect the job to change drastically in the next five years, although he does expect new things such as new technology and updated facilities which may be expected when you think of future changes to most jobs.

8. How long have you been working at the Aquatic Centre?

Tom really enjoys swimming and activity which is why this a great job for him, because he likes this job and it makes him happy he has been working at the Aquatic Centre for twelve years now.

My Reflection of the day:

1. Give three reasons why you would like this job:

- a) I really like the part of the job that there are flexible hours, which is ideal because this means that you can have time to do other important things in life such as be with family and friends. Although I am not sure what profession I want to have when I grow up, I do know that ideally I would like to have a job with flexible hours like most people would.
- b) Like Tom said earlier this job is constantly which in my opinion is a good thing, this might make the job more exciting and cause things to not get boring. If this job is changing I think this causes room for new good ideas which can always be helpful and useful in the future.
- c) I personally am a very athletic person and I love to be active, which is definitely a part of this job which is exciting. Since I love sports I think it would be very cool to have a job that involves different sports and activities. I think this would make the job more enjoyable.

2. Give three reasons why you would not like this job:

- a) I feel like one of the reasons I wouldn't like this job would definitely people being unreasonable and having expectations that can not always be fulfilled, this is also one of the things that Tom said he did not like.
- b) Tom has a lot of responsibilities which I think can be very stressful at times, there is a lot of pressure on Tom from other employees and the general public. There are many things that you have to organize within this job which may be difficult, this is because the job that Tom has is a higher position.
- c) Although this is a part of the job and if you have this job it is something you need to learn I feel like I wouldn't be very good at settling problems if they come to me very frustrated and angry which can be common from people in the public. I think that this would be hard to learn but I'm sure it gets easier as you get more experience.

3. Is this the job for you? Why or why not?

This supervisor job did seem like an enjoyable job with many positives to it, although this didn't make me really develop a desire to get this job. I think that this definitely is a job to look into because I feel like it could be an enjoyable profession, although like I said I'm not sure about it, it's just something I would like to find more about and see if this is something I am interested in.

4. Explain the value of the TOKTW experience in relation to your ideas about your post secondary (after high school) plans (education?, training?, travel?, work?).

Before take your kid to work day, I had a few ideas but I didn't really know what I wanted to do as a profession. Since Tom's job is a city job we got to see lots of different jobs that many people have in the City of Coquitlam. It was interesting because people who were presenting about the different jobs actually have that job, so it was coming from someone who actually knew what it was like to have that certain profession rather than someone just imagining it. I also learned a lot about what sort of training you need to go through to get certain jobs.

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Visit from fire department



Visit from Police training dog



Pool at the Aquatic Centre