

# Job Shadow: Interview Worksheet

Person to be interviewed: Lisa Vest

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Job title: ultrasound technician

Business: Visalia OB GYN medical

Place of interview: 100 w. Willow Plaza suite 201 Visalia CA 93291

Date: July 26, 2016

Length of interview: 30 minutes

Question one: Do you deliver bad news like miscarriages?

Most techs aren't supposed to talk but ultrasound techs are a little different because they are supposed to communicate what's going on to the patient. In most cases you won't be the one giving the bad news but in certain situations and in this office you do.

Question two: What training or education is needed for this type of work?

If you go to the American Registry Diagnostic medical sonographers website it will give you step by step specifics but I strongly encourage you to go to an accredited school. Employers are tired of hiring people from non-accredited schools and they don't know enough.

Question three: How much flexibility do you have in terms of hours and vacation?

It depends on where you work. If you work in an office then you may have more flexibility and they might let you make your own schedule. If you work at a hospital then you will be on call.

Question four: Do you work a lot of overtime?

No, the only thing that you might do at home is research something that you don't see very often to get familiar with it again.

Question five: What inspired you to choose your career?

I had an ultrasound done when I was a young teenager and thought it was so cool.

Question six: How has your career affected your life?

It has made me more curious. I am fascinated by how the technology works, it's like magic.

Question seven: What are some key factors or skills someone in this field would need?

Cleanliness, continued education, think outside the box and accuracy.

Question eight: What advice would you give to someone looking at this line of work?

Follow multiple people so you know for sure and if you want to work in an office or a hospital.

Question nine: what is the most challenging part of your job?

Not being confident in the person you work for, the way they run things or work through things.

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

Being able to tell someone we can fix this. I remember one older man who came in with stomach pain and I did the ultrasound and there was water everywhere and I asked him a few questions and said "I think I know what this is, we can fix it." You could see tears running down his face because he wasn't going to be in pain anymore.