

Essay Question: While working at the theatre, what experiences or training did you receive that you feel will benefit you as you pursue your education?

I have worked for Polson Theatre's Inc. since I was 14 years old and have learned a lot from that experience. I started working concessions, moved onto an office assistant position and then now the manager of the website. One thing that stands out to me in particular is the experience and training that I got from working with the website. My current job is to update the website for the theater corporation weekly for each individual theater with what movies they are playing, the movie times, and any news that is pertinent to the theater. I took over this position in 2016 and had to be taught everything that had to do with running a website. Initially, this position started out in an office. I would come in every week, make all of the updates and then be done. However, when I left for college this position became remote and something that I could do from anywhere. This taught me the importance of self-accountability and time management. Another important thing that I learned was the benefits of creating a schedule for myself, even if it was not something that the company was directly scheduling for. Fast forward to 2020 when the pandemic hit and everything in my school went online. Many of my peers struggled with transition and being able to keep up with the work in a timely manner. On the other hand, because of the work that I was already doing at the theater I had an easier time switching over to this format. I had already learned and had been practicing the skills that were necessary for being self-motivated on a remote schedule. I understood that even though the work was not required to be done on a specific daily schedule, that setting one for myself would ensure that everything would get in on time and would not have to be done all at once and become overwhelming. The program that I am currently in is also fully remote so I am continuing to use these skills that help with my time management. In the future, I am hoping to become a child and family therapist. This is also a field that has had increasingly more remote aspects in order to increase the amount of individuals that we can help. As a result of this, I will likely be using these skills for the rest of my career.