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Teacher Assistant

After High School, I was undecided about what career I wanted to pursue. However, as a child growing up I always wanted to be a teacher. I have always enjoyed being around children. They have always seemed easy to relate to. I have such a passion for children. I find them to be very entertaining. Not to mention, they keep you on your feet. I'm the type of person who enjoys staying busy.

Even though, after graduating High School I was unsure of what I wanted to be, I knew I loved kids. Plus, my dream job was to teach or help kids learn. The reason why I want to major in Early Childhood Education is because I want to help children learn. My personality is perfect for being a Teacher Assistant. I am a very loving, caring, and helpful person. I want to help other people succeed. I think I relate well with children. I have the patience it takes to work with them. For me to achieve my goal, I strive to get my associates degree. This consists of me working very hard the next two years. The salary for Teachers Assistant is decent.

According to research, the median annual wage for teacher assistants was \$24,900. To become a Teacher Assistant, the typical entry-level education requirements is some college, no degree. The job outlook is expected to increase 6% from 2014-2024, in comparison to the

average for all occupations. I obtained the information stated thus far from the most useful source, The Occupational Outlook Handbook. Another helpful source I used, “Teacher Assistants”, the book I have chosen, informed me how to be an effective Teacher’s Aide. For instance, I need to follow a careful plan or planning. To be a successful Aide, I have to begin with simple assignments. Then, I can move into more complex assignments. The last resource I gathered information from, a journal article, gave me more important information concerning my career choice. Such as, Research findings: A certain study looked into job resources and job demands among childcare employees of various education levels (491 lead teachers and 310 assistant teachers) from Switzerland. The journal article also showed results from a certain test called (t-tests) and hierarchical regression analyses indicated slightly higher job demands and resources for lead teachers than for assistant teachers, but similar antecedents of job resources and job demands.

I have learned that my particular choice of career is easy to research and find information on. Teacher assistants are needed all the time. I have come to find out the pay isn’t huge, but I can make a living off of it. In my opinion, it’s not all about the money. I think it’s important to enjoy your job. I would rather have a job I’m passionate about and not make a fortune versus having a job I can’t stand and get paid big money. Most people may disagree and think I am crazy, but that’s ok. As least, I have a job I enjoy and still live comfortably.

To conclude, my choice of career to pursue has not changed. I still love and have a great passion for children. I already knew the requirements: some college, no degree. However, a two-year degree, associates to be exact, is helpful. It looks good on my resume and makes me eligible to be a preschool teacher if I wanted to be. Even though, the pay isn’t outrageous, it is reasonable. Like I said before, I’d rather have a low-paying job I thoroughly enjoy rather than an

outrageous paying job I can't stand. So, I will proceed with being a Teacher's Assistant. Helping children learn and achieve their goals. This will benefit them, as well as myself, the good feeling of helping others.

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