

Anne's Job

Janis: Hello. My name is Janis.

Anne: Oh, hi Janis. I'm Anne.

Janis: It's nice to meet you. Can I ask you some questions about your job?

Anne: Sure you can.

Janis: Okay. Great. Shall we sit down?

Anne: Oh, that would be great.

Janis: So, Anne. What is your job?

Anne: I currently work as a community health nurse.

Janis: Oh. Interesting. And where do you work?

Anne: I work at a walk-in clinic in the Vancouver area.

Janis: And what do you like about your job?

Anne: I love the fact I have many different people I work with.

Janis: Oh, okay. Different patients or do you mean your co-workers?

Anne: Actually both.

Janis: Okay.

Anne: I um... The population, the people that come to the clinic, they're all different nationalities, all different ages. Uh, lots of different background stories.

Janis: Oh, okay. And what do you dislike about the job?

Anne: Sometimes we don't have enough time.

Janis: Okay. To help... to help the patients.

Anne: Sometimes people are very upset. They need time and we give them as much time as we can, but unfortunately, we have other people waiting so it's not always as long as they deserve.

Janis: Yeah. That's too bad. That's hard. And what are your hours?

Anne: I actually have two jobs. Very similar, but two different jobs. And one of my jobs is roughly 8:30 to 4:30.

Janis: Okay.

Anne: And the other job has more flexibility. I sometimes start at 9:30. I sometimes start at 11:00. Sometimes I finish at 5:00. Sometimes I finish at 7:00. Sometimes I finish at 10:00 at night.

Janis: Oh, okay. What is the starting salary for that kind of job?

Anne: Uh. Well, I would say a nurse starting now is looking at about 28, 29 dollars an hour.

Janis: Oh, okay. Do you get any benefits?

Anne: I do. I work part-time, but it's regular part-time, so I am covered by health insurance and dental insurance.

Janis: Okay. That's nice. And how long have you worked there?

Anne: I've worked on and off probably over the last 14 years.

Janis: Okay. As a nurse.

Anne: As a nurse. I've always worked as a nurse.

Janis: Okay. So Anne, what are the duties for your job?

Anne: Primarily, I work in a sexual health clinic, so people come to have tests done. They come for information. They come to discuss concerns or worries. I can do blood work. I do other testing. I do treatment.

Janis: Oh, okay. And what education or special training do you need for the job?

Anne: To work in community health as a nurse, they ask for university preparation.

Janis: Okay.

Anne: So, I did do an undergrad nursing degree.

Janis: Okay.

Anne: So, I have four years of that.

Janis: Okay. And do you have any other special education or training?

Anne: Yup. I also have done training to become a midwife.

Janis: Oh. Interesting. And why do you think they chose you for the job?

Anne: Well, I think I was enthusiastic and I think I was very interested in the job.

Janis: Oh.

Anne: And I think those are two key things when you are working in a sexual health clinic is that you are comfortable and you enjoy people.

Janis: Oh, okay. Anne, did you do any volunteer work before?

Anne: Yes, I've done... I really enjoy volunteer work. So um, it's something I've been doing all my life, is doing different types of volunteer work.

Janis: Oh, okay. And where are you from?

Anne: I was born in New Brunswick in Canada.

Janis: Okay.

Anne: On the east coast. And the family moved to the north. To the Northwest Territories.

Janis: Okay.

Anne: And I studied in Alberta. And have lived in quite a few different provinces before coming finally to Vancouver.

Janis: Okay. And how long have you been in Vancouver?

Anne: I've been in Vancouver, I realized, almost 20 years.

Janis: Oh. What kind of job would you like to have in the future?

Anne: I'd like a job that would combine health with education, with physical activity, in a warm environment.

Janis: Okay. Ha ha ha. Everything.

Anne: Everything. And good pay.

Janis: And good pay.

Anne: And good benefits.

Janis: Okay. Good. Well, good luck with that.

Anne: Okay. Well, thank you.

Janis: Thank you very much, Anne for answering my questions.

Anne: Thank you.