

## Learner<sup>5</sup> Job Shadowing Checklist

A job shadow is a great opportunity to learn about the world of work. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, practice professional behavior and become more comfortable communicating with professionals.

Below is a checklist of what you can expect to learn. Read through it and check off what interests you and the goals for the day that are most important to you. Your interests don't have to be prioritized. If you would like to learn something that's not listed, just add it!

### Have you done all you can to prepare?

- Turn in any required forms.
- Think about your interests and determine the kind of job you'd like to explore or company you'd like to visit in your job shadow.
- Once chosen, research your host company. Check out their website and learn as much as you can about the organization's history, what they do and how it impacts your community.
- Meet with your teacher/faculty or the connector to finalize a learning plan for the job shadow.

### Are you Ready for Game Day?

Have you...

- Turned in required forms?
- Researched the host company?
- Considered the best way to make a good impression on the employer?
- Thought about how you'll share your experience on social media?
- Updated your resume and career development plan?

### Have you thought about what you can do to make the job shadow a big success?

- Arrive at the workplace appropriately dressed and on time. Attend the orientation if one is offered.
- Turn off your cellphone, except to take photos, if the company allows (ask first).
- Develop some skill-specific learning outcomes with your job shadow host and work on them.
- Comply with all health and safety regulations.
- Be observant and ask appropriate questions.
- Reflect on the connection between what you're learning in the classroom and what goes on in the workplace.

### When the job shadow is over, how will you keep moving your career forward?

- Reflect on the day. Talk to your classmates and teachers/faculty about the job shadow and whether you're interested in pursuing a career in that industry.
- Participate in classroom activities that help you think about the value of the job shadow.
- Update your resume<sup>5</sup> and career development plan and think about next steps in moving your career forward.
- Send a follow-up email thanking the employer for his or her time. Ask if you can connect on LinkedIn. If you're interested in working there, say so and ask for next steps.
- Fill out any evaluation forms. Be honest. That will help make future job shadows more impactful.
- Share your experience with your peers on social media. Perhaps a blog post about the job shadow?

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<sup>5</sup> Learners include: K-12, community college and college students; youth and young adults engaged in workforce development programs; and adults participating in career development activities