

Collection of Evidence 6

Performance Assessments to Verify Credit in Writing

Achievement Level: Pass/Proficient

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Social Media

Social media for most people is a way of life and to get advice for a growing business so they have the ability to thrive online. People can communicate with friends and family from around the world using social media. Those people who say that social media does not help with the way people communicate with each other. If people think about what social media has done for us look at computers and iphones. They know technology has given us the ability to do what people want to do. Opportunities for some jobs can only be seen on the internet; this gives you the opportunity to order things online and have them shipped to people's homes. Another type of social media is television every time you get on your TV. People are being told about the weather, government, latest news, and even sports news as well. All of these forms of social media show that they don't harm but inform society. Despite all the positives that are listed above, the negatives have hampered our social skills.

They are all ways that people are trying to communicate with one another to show that other people should support or warn them. Plenty of websites are around to help people with becoming smarter and putting people up against people to compete and to make people think quicker. Other social media that is more entertaining and is not trying to make young people smarter but are just there for people to relax and enjoy. This type of social media, such as video games online, allows people to get into a match and talk while playing. Social media hasn't been around for a very long time. It used to be when a person wanted to get in touch with someone else, people would have to send letters and packages on horseback to communicate with each other. Social media can even make a person's product better known. Therefore, thinking of this social media helps for communication across the entire world. Even so, technology raises many issues in reference to face-to-face communication skills.

For example, Melissa Ortega claims that "They [children and teenagers] don't know how to

handle conflict face-to-face because so many things happen through some sort of technology” (qtd. in Bindley). People agree with this statement because this generation of kids is becoming too attached to electronic devices. They [children and teenagers] never understand that the best way to communicate with others is through face-to-face communication. For these reasons some children are considered to be anti-social because the only way they communicate is through a microphone or through some type of device, such as phones or computers. When they [children and teenagers] live like this for their entire lives it makes it tougher to get jobs or anything that requires communication. This also makes it harder on them to have a life that can be considered enjoyable.

However, some activities don't help with learning from social media for example, Gary Small claims, “That young people are not learning when they're using these devices” (qtd. in Bindley). People can learn from social media, social media is not just considered all the popular chat sites it's also the chat sites like the internet, Google+ or Yahoo. Social media can be anything that gives us the ability to learn from each other and from other sources. Some people who for their job, inform people about weather, job opportunities, preparation advice, and anything that will give you information advice.

Another statement about social media is given by the Atlantic Magazine, “Facebook is making us lonely,”(Tufekci). People agree with this statement because people who have any type of social media always tend to spend too much time on it. For example, according to Google, people spend on average an astonishing “50 minutes” on their social media. Everyone believes other people's lives are better than their own; for example, everyone likes to see what goes on in others lives. They also only live online; therefore, they keep themselves from their families and friends because they think that what's on their phones or game consoles is more important than their actual

The last statement that people dislike that was from Zeynep Tufekci claims that “...look at the extensive amount of data that shows that social media users are having more conversations with people online and off!” (qtd. Tufekci). People dislike this statement because we live in a time where technology is life. So, if there is technology there are fewer people communicating face-to-face. As soon as people take themselves off their phones, they will have to get back on it because a friend has texted them etc. Humans are known for being easily addicted to anything given to them. So giving them a device makes them become separated from others easily.

But in all of this people still can't convince someone that something is right just because everyone thinks it's good. Something is not right about social media it is a waste of time and takes away valuable time that can be used for family members and friends. Social media will be around for as long as life goes on but will their family, friends, or even people who just like to socialize with others face-to-face because they are lonely online. Social media makes people separate from their family and friends and could possibly make them anti-social. But one of the more important things is that it takes people's time that could be used for developing better oral and written skills.

Future Job Opportunity: Athletic Trainer

Athletic trainers can be defined as a certified health care professional who cares for sports athletes and practices sports medicine. These types of doctors do examinations, diagnosis, and certain treatments for injured athletes. Athletic trainers are used for the care of not just athletes but anyone that needs the treatment. For this specific job, someone must have a college degree from any college, but more likely to be the division one colleges that have the best education. The salary for getting a job as a athletic trainer is between \$40,869 and \$50,371 per year (BLS). The benefits of being an athletic trainer is the company pays for holidays and vacations, provides health insurance, and guarantees retirement benefits. Not every person qualifies to be an athletic trainer, but they will have some type of specific job title. These specific titles depend on degrees, experience, and education (BLS).

In order to be an athletic trainer, people need to know a large range of medical problems or symptoms, to be able to note the state of a patient, and to follow procedures to keep the athlete from harming himself/herself (BLS). Another thing the trainer would need to be good at is they would have to be able to think quickly. Quick thinking allows them the ability to help athletes to play again at their previous ability level. Paying attention to the smallest details benefits trainers. How most athletes are is they want to stay in the competition because they love that sport. But it's an athletic trainer's job to look for those tiny hints in an athlete's performance that hint toward a career-ending problem. Correcting that problem is the responsibility of the trainer.

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, all "Athletic trainers need at least a bachelor's degree" (BLS). Anyone doing this job needs to be able to help someone with a bodily dysfunction. So, in order to be informed properly, people

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must go to a college where the main study is in medical diagnosis and anatomy. The athletic trainer must know what they are doing for every injured athlete. If they do not know the material, for this job very well, then they are going to be fired quickly for harming someone critically. The material that people learn from specific classes pertaining to therapy can also be used in becoming a nurse, possibly a paramedic, or even a first aid instructor. Because of the education that trainers have received, they will not have to look far for a job that they like, even if that career is not specifically an athletic trainer.

The Occupational Outlook Handbook from the Bureau of Labor Statistics states, “Nearly all states require athletic trainers to be licensed or certified; requirements vary by state” (BLS) : Those who are in this field of work show that their talents are highly skilled. It also shows the athlete or person that is being treated that they [athletic trainers] have been certified by an association in that specific line of work. In order to be licensed or certified as an athletic trainer, they must know the following: anatomy, first aid, and social skills, to name a few. Some of the best colleges are University of Florida, Boston University, University of Michigan, University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. These colleges are the best for people who are wanting to go into this job because these college’s main studies are specific to an athletic trainer (Fucci).

Within our government's statistical data, “Athletic trainers may spend their time working outdoors on sports fields in all types of weather” (BLS) : This shows that people who take this job must be adaptable in any type of weather or environment. When athletic trainers go to any type of sporting event, they are not guaranteed what the weather will be unless its an indoor event. So, they must be prepared for any type of weather, prepared to do procedures that are necessary if someone hurts himself/herself and also prepared to focus on what is best for the athlete’s care, not for the team.

In the Occupational Outlook Handbook from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, it says that any “Assistant athletic trainers may become head athletic trainers, or physician, hospital, or clinic practice administrators” (BLS) : This shows that anyone that stays with being an athletic trainer could end up in some other good jobs. This job requires one to have other responsibilities, like caring for recently injured players. Officially some other jobs could pay better than an athletic trainer, like a doctor or a physical therapist, but this job also gives people more experience in other types of jobs because of the education. Therefore, when one has this job, it gives him/her the positioning to become a manager or a business owner.

In conclusion, the requirements needed to become a successful athletic trainer are a positive attitude and good communication skills. The job pays well, and if they enjoy being an athletic trainer, it will be as if they don’t have a job at all. These medical requirements give one the opportunity to go wherever he/she wants, and if one stays with being an athletic trainer, he/she could get higher in the business to become an owner or better.

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Homeschooling

Do people know what risk they could be making when they put their children in homeschooling? It could possibly end their children's education before it even starts. Most people do not know that close to 1.2 million students drop out because they either refuse to come to school, or they feel like they do not need to have an education to get a job, or they decide that they want to homeschool.¹ When parents decide that they are going to homeschool their children they are putting them at risk of not graduating with their class. They also may have to teach themselves material that they cannot comprehend. The reason why this may happen is because both the mom and the dad might not understand the material as well; therefore, the child becomes confused and not able to keep up with the classes that are required for him/her to graduate on time.

Another reason why homeschooling could be a risk for children is if the child is lazy and does not have a work ethic they would not want to do any work. Because of this he/she is unable to get a college scholarship, and it will be a hard climb ahead of them because people have a greater likelihood of being broke without a college degree. On the other hand, if the child is well taught and has good comprehension of material, they could be successful in college and beyond. When people take their children out of school, they are giving the child more excuses to not do any of his/her work by taking them out of the environment that makes them do work.

There are many bad consequences when people take their children out of school to homeschool. One of these could be the parents pay for classes that the child does not do. For example, the average cost parents spend on homeschooling is around \$500 per student per year.² This causes the parents to lose money, and after a while the classes start to get expensive. Another example could be that getting in contact with the child's teachers could be complicated and frustrating because the child is struggling. Or when the child grows up and goes out for a job he/she will not have the social skills to get a good job, because they were homeschooled and do not have a good vocabulary to communicate with others and can become socially awkward. And lastly the child could not be up to

the task of homeschooling, because there might just be too much to keep up with on a daily basis.

In conclusion people who homeschool their children have lots of challenges besides homeschooling, so why put one more burden on your shoulders when there is a person that has gone to college in that specific line of work? All they have to do is drop them off at school and help them with homework when the children get home. Why would they not? And also hands on working could be useful besides a computer screen. When the children have someone there who understands the material and is able to explain things to them, it makes everything easier on the student and helps them be able to relax.

Notes

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