Inside Berks Business

- The Inside Berks Business program puts teachers from Berks County schools into businesses in Berks County for four days. The teachers are spending time to find out what skills are needed for students to be successful in the various jobs throughout Berks County. By spending the time with the business hosts, the teachers learn about the different careers so they can help their students determine which path might be best.
Summary

- Tammy – 20 years, Head Vet Tech
- Amy – 10 years
- Dr. Wagner – 31 years, owner, enjoys working with clients
- Dr. Sal Galindo – orthopedic specialty
- Katie – 10 years, volunteered, worked at horse rescue in HS
- Dr. Ramsey – 8 years, not the same each day
- Brianne – 8 years, receptionist
- Laura – 1 month here, 9 years at vet offices
- Dr. Austin – 25 years, vet school is expensive, a lot of debt, low salary
- Cindy – 20 years, laid off from electronics field, volunteered, hired
- Dr. Tomes - ultrasound specialty
Dr. Boyd Wagner

Dr. John Hampson
Summary

- Vets consult with each other
- Techs have certain responsibilities, on standby to help when needed
- Continuous ed, every two years
- Knee surgery, eye surgery, x-rays, ultrasounds, spay/neuter, ACL
- Uniforms
- Anal gland expression, nail trim
- Animals were so friendly when around each other
Educational Skill Requirements of New Hires

- Receptionist - customer service experience, no degree required
- Certified vet tech with degree
- Tech assistant with no degree
- Vets - degrees
Salary Ranges and Benefits

- Based on experience
- Doing study to see national averages
- Hourly pay
- Insurance if working over 30 hours
- Dental and vision extra but offered
Host Company’s Greatest Asset

- employees

Host Company’s Greatest Challenge

- competition
- technology
Technology Utilized by Host Company

- Scheduling with MS Office
- Traveling vet - ultrasound machine
- Specialized equipment for surgeries
- Paper files for pet records
Skills to be Successful

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Good student
- Dedicated
- Speak to people
- Specialty equipment
- Note taking
- Penmanship
- Multi-task
- Follow directions
- Math skills
- Sciences: anatomy, chemistry, physics
Career Activity 1 - Career Search

13.2.11B Apply research skills in searching for a job: CareerLinks, Internet, Networking, newspapers, Professional associations, resource books (Occupational Outlook Handbook, PA Career guide)

- Look up 3 different career choices using one of these websites CareerLinks, Internet, Networking, newspapers, Professional associations, resource books (Occupational Outlook Handbook, PA Career guide)
- Using the resources, find three jobs for those different careers
- Record the location, job training/degree needed, starting salary, job description in a typed document
- Be prepared to discuss your findings with your classmates
13.3.11D Develop a personal budget based on career choice

- After completing activity one, create a budget based on the three jobs you chose
- In an Excel document, make a chart showing monthly income and budgeting for the following:
  - Charitable contributions
  - Fixed variable expenses
  - Gross pay
  - Net pay
  - Other income
  - Other income
  - Savings
  - Taxes