

Most people have a job that they enjoy doing and are content with their job.

People choose a job depending on what their interests in life are. I am a tanning technician at Tropic Isle Tan located in Nanticoke, and tanning is a passion of mine. I enjoy my job as a tanning technician because my mother is my boss, I work in an easy-going atmosphere, and I know a great deal about tanning.

The first reason I enjoy my job as a tanning technician is because my mother is my boss. Having my mother as my boss is a great benefit because it allows me to pick the hours that best fit my schedule. For instance, during the week of finals last semester, I asked my mother to give me the entire week off work, and she did with no trouble. She was even willing to give me more hours the following week so I did not lose too much money in my paycheck. Also, if there is something I do not like at the tanning salon, I can just tell my mother and she will help fix it. It is also easier to talk to a boss with whom I am comfortable with; I can tell my mother just what is on my mind, and she will not hold it against me. Another great benefit is I get free tanning, lotions, and fruit drinks. I think she likes having me around too because when we are off the clock, we discuss things that could make the salon better than what it already is, such as having extended hours or free samples of lotion.

In addition to having my mother as my boss, another reason I enjoy my job as a tanning technician is because the salon has an easy-going atmosphere. For one, the radio is playing country music which is peaceful and non-violent. For another, the friendly



conversation is constantly flowing between the staff and customers. Lastly, the staff dress in uniform, but the uniform is very casual. For example, the staff picked out several matching tank tops and jeans to wear each day. This was a good idea because we are dressed comfortably and casually, but we are also in uniform. The easy-going environment allows clients to feel as if they are not only clients but friends of the tanning salon. After all, they are doing the salon the favor by being clients.

Although I enjoy my job because my mother is my boss and the environment is easy-going, the most important reason I enjoy my job is because I know a great deal about tanning. I have been tanning since I was thirteen, and I am now officially smart-tan certified, which means it is legally acceptable for me to talk to people about the smart ways of tanning. Whenever clients have questions, I love answering them because it lets me know that the clients are just as concerned about their tan as I am. I am happy to tell clients how to tan the right way so that they do not damage their skin in any way. For instance, when new clients come into the salon, I gladly give the clients a tour of the salon, help them pick out which tanning package and lotion is best for them, and make sure they have their eyewear. I make sure not to tan them for the full time; they have to gradually work their way up to the full time little by little. I also advise them not to tan within 24 hours of their last visit, which gives their skin time to heal. Most people do not realize there is more to working at a tanning salon than just sending people into beds. I greatly enjoy educating people about what I know.

Ever since I first tried tanning, I fell in love it; tanning is something that is very relaxing and boosts my self-confidence. When my mother offered me a job last year



helping her operate a tanning salon, I could not refuse. I did not think it was going to be as much work as it is, but it is not overwhelming in any way. Every day I am at work, it reminds me that I am helping people who have the same passion as I do, tanning. I enjoy my job for many reasons which include having my mother as my boss, working in an easy-going atmosphere, and sharing my knowledge of tanning with clients. All this talk about my job has made me anxious to go get a tan; luckily, I can get one anytime I want.