

Sophia Copeland Career Exploration Paper

I have never had a job I disliked. That surprises most people and even surprises myself. However, it is true. I've worked as an intern, as a nanny, in a special education classroom, at a Target, and as the Assistant Director of a small Nonprofit. I've spent time thinking about what it is about my many different jobs - because they have all been extremely different - that gives me enjoyment. These positions offered me little in common other than new sets of challenges and yet I always find myself feeling the same way about them - passionate. I have decided it is because they have all given me the space to connect with others, learn new things, and push myself.

I would define myself as a people person. I am talkative and outgoing. I am energetic and gain energy by communicating and connecting with others. I find myself enjoying even the toughest moments at work when they are also spent collaborating and forming connections with others. An important aspect of a job for me would be to be able to work alongside others often. I have found that outside of enjoying working with others, that I just enjoy working. I am someone who likes to keep myself busy and enjoys a challenge. Currently, I am studying to complete a double major and minor while working forty hours a week at three part time jobs. That may sound overwhelming but I honestly enjoy it. This comes from finding enjoyment in the act of working hard itself. I enjoy the feeling of challenging myself and pushing myself. A key element of a job for me would be for it to challenge me. In my busy lifestyle I am constantly learning new things from all of the environments where I dedicate my time. I study three different subjects - Business, Theater, and Film - that provide me with diverse perspectives of knowledge. I spend my time working as a marketing intern, as the Assistant Director of

a Nonprofit, and at a Target. Each of these jobs exposes me to completely different people and ways of doing things. I am given the opportunity to constantly learn and have new experiences. This would be an important part of a job for me - being allowed to try new things and to be provided learning opportunities.

Studying Business, Theater, and Film has provided me with room to consider many fields of work. In Business my concentration is Management. I am interested in working in another management position at a Nonprofit organization. I enjoy the work I am doing now and would love to continue it. At End Overdose Together, where I currently work, I manage our \$100,000 budget and am in charge of any decision or task that surrounds our finances. I run our social media platforms and organize all of our outside communications, such as with contracted marketing teams, web designers, our lawyer, etc. As Assistant Director I work alongside our Director to make the key decisions of our organization. I could see myself working in a role like this permanently, but at a much larger Nonprofit, and eventually moving to the position of Director.

One of my main passions is Film and Television. In my free time I write scripts, spend many hours video editing, and act. A dream job for me would be to write for Film and Television and be able to dabble in acting and behind the scenes work in editing and production. I see myself looking for work as a casting assistant or for an assistant job at a talent agency, and then working up to being a casting director or talent agent. I would simultaneously explore the side of myself that loves writing, acting, and Film/Television production. As I mentioned, I love to learn, work hard, push myself, and be able to try new things and stay moving. Working in a role where I could

simultaneously explore the industry and potentially try different forms of work throughout my career would excite me.

In the fall I am spending the semester in New York City at Larry Singer Studios in New York City. In this program we are tasked with finding and completing a semester long internship. I will be looking for an internship in casting. I see this role as utilizing a great combination of my studies and knowledge of Business, Acting, and Film. I would especially love to find an internship that would allow me to build connections to share my screenwriting in the future, and/or to move upward in the world of casting towards a Casting Director position. I am also drawn to the position of an internship in casting, because after looking into job postings and blog posts of those who currently work in this field, I've learned a day on the job entails helping the casting director organize and oversee auditions, and requires the abilities to multitask, collaborate, pay attention to detail, and organize. Those are exciting tasks for me and also lean into my key personal strengths.

As I continue my journey of self discovery, learning, and hard work I am excited to challenge myself in new fields, new roles, and alongside new colleagues. I am inspired by my fields of interest and all of the opportunities for growth they provide. I am looking forward to beginning my career as an intern in casting, and excited to experience a new role that will further ignite my passion for working.