Student Resource 8.6

Matching: Choosing the Right Diagnostic Career

Student Names:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Below are descriptions of five high school graduates. Read each description below and then choose a diagnostic career that you think would be a good match for each person. There are no right or wrong answers, but you should have good reasons to back up your choices. Write your reasons for each of your choices..

**Jayden** graduated from high school with a 3.4 GPA. He didn’t enroll in college, but he would like to enroll in a certificate program that will help him land a job in health care. In high school, Jayden enjoyed his science classes the most. For the science fair one year he worked on a project about radiation and won third place for it. Jayden was very proud of that project. He also knows what it takes to be an effective member of a team. He played football for his junior and senior year. He’s also great at fixing machines and equipment. If something like the toaster or the DVD player breaks in his house, his parents always charge him with the task of fixing it. Working with equipment can be dangerous, so Jayden always takes precautionary measures.

What diagnostic career do you think would be a good fit for Jayden?

List two reasons why.

1.

2.

**Diego** is taking science classes at the community college in his town. After he earns his associate’s degree, he’s hoping to get an entry-level job in health care and receive training on the job. In high school and college, he finds himself focusing the hardest on the lab classes. He enjoys the process of working with his hands and following step-by-step instructions. Diego also knows that he wants his career to involve working directly with people. He thinks he’s a good listener. People have always told him that he has a cool and calm demeanor, which he thinks makes people feel at ease around him.

What diagnostic career do you think would be a good fit for Diego?

List two reasons why.

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**Mia** is enrolled in community college. After she gets her associate’s degree, she’d like to get a job that requires on-the-job training or a one-year certificate program. Mia knows that she wants to work in health care, but she gets squeamish around blood, so she knows that a job in an emergency room would not be a good fit for her. Mia is fascinated by cutting-edge technology. She’s intrigued by machines that are helping doctors diagnose diseases in the early stages. Mia thinks that these machines are saving people’s lives. Mia knows that she is going to be expected to contribute financially to her family, so she’s hoping that once she’s established in her career she will make at least $40,000 a year.

What diagnostic career do you think would be a good fit for Mia?

Give two reasons why.

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**Brianna** is attending a state college. Brianna has spent her summers volunteering at a clinic that provides services for young mothers and their children. Brianna’s grandmother was a midwife who delivered hundreds of babies. Brianna sees herself following in her grandmother’s footsteps and pursuing a career in women’s health. Brianna is also athletic. She played on the volleyball team, and her coach always said that she had excellent hand-eye coordination.

What diagnostic career do you think would be a good fit for Brianna?

Give two reasons why.

1.

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**Amir** graduated from high school with a 3.9 GPA. He enrolled and was accepted into a prestigious four-year private college. He enjoys academics and has the stamina and drive to meet the demanding expectations of his professors. Amir has always wanted to be a doctor, but he’s also interested in technology. Amir is considering taking premed classes and applying for medical school, but if he goes that route, he knows that he’d want to do work involved with cutting-edge technology.

What career do you think would be a good fit for Amir?

Give two reasons why.

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