

Internship Reflection

My internship involved working with OnFleek Makeup Studio and going to different places with my mentor (The owner Brittney Campos) to observe different makeup appointments. Every time I went I observed something completely different each time, I was able to get an idea of what it's like to work in this kind of business. My role as an intern for her was to help her out as much as possible, I was responsible for cleaning her brushes and making sure she had everything she needed before we would leave to meet a client. There were several times when we would stay at the studio and work with clients that made appointments, during that time I would observe the client's session, prepare her station for the client as well as work the front desk when needed to. I chose to do my internship based on something I want to do after high school, I have always had a passion for all things beauty related and I knew that when I interned for Brittney I would be able to get an inside look of how the career works in the real world.

My mentor's role was guiding me through the process of what she does in the makeup business and how she manages her own store along with going to different locations to work with clients. Her store has been open for a little over two years and so far has been getting a lot of attention from the windsor community. Throughout this internship Brittney helped me gained a better perspective on what it's like to do this as a career and the responsibilities that follow when opening your own business along with working in the beauty community in general.

The main challenge for me during the internship was scheduling days after school or on the weekends, getting a ride there was a small issue. I was able to manage by either getting ride from friends and family or even walking to to store itself. Getting to my internship in general and on time was a big concern for me, however I wasn't going to let that prevent me from doing the internship, I managed to find a way to get through it.

Throughout my internship I feel like I now Know what I am getting myself into when going into this field of work. I know that sacrificing a few things can come with the job, for example, I came with Brittney to do a wedding and that involved waking up very early to meet everyone at a salon in Santa Rosa. I feel like I've grown to love cosmetology/ makeup even more, this internship made me feel more committed to do it after high school. It made me grow more as a person by allowing me to interact with Brittney's clients and other makeup artists/ hair stylists that Brittney was working with.

During my internship, I developed many skills that would help me in my future career. Since I didn't have a car at the time, I learned how to manage my time way better than I did before, I always made sure I was on time or even early. Everything that Brittney had asked me to do I did quick and efficiently for her, I became more dependable for her when she needed something done.

There are many things a person can do with a cosmetology licence and for Brittney she decided to open her own store and create her own business. It wasn't a shock to me on how the environment was when owning a business of your own, there a lot of responsibilities that come with it and I understood that. The experience was very informative for me and I feel like it was better to know and observe one of the many ways to take cosmetology to the next level. I discovered that I became really good at watching and learning from the different techniques Brittney used and using them on myself. I never thought that it took a lot of effort in managing the businesses social media accounts and to update constantly to make sure the business stays well known. I do consider going to a cosmetology school to earn my licence, however I do not have an interest in creating my own store/ business. I have a passion for cosmetology itself and plan to freelance on my own and perhaps work with high end companies to promote different products.