

**Building a Network Among Offices**  
***Weekly Report 11/6/17 to 11/10/17***

One of the most notable things about my experience in this course is the fact that I will be getting experience in this field and related ones through interaction with professionals in my community. Each week, this goal becomes more and more real to me as I come closer to perfecting it. As of right now, I have already interviewed four professionals in fields including Occupational Therapy, Psychology, and Psychiatry. This has allowed me already to expand my network further than I would have been able to had I not taken this course. For this reason, I am already grateful for the opportunities I have had thus far.

One of these interviews specifically was conducted with Dr. Laura Hart, a Psychologist at Gooden Counseling in Lewisville. A very notable thing she mentioned was her progression up to the career she has now. She explained how she started as a Civil Rights Attorney, and after experience dealing with people coming to her with complaints about the hardships of life and their jobs, she developed a passion for helping people through psychological challenges. This compelled her to go into the field of Psychology. That narrative of her professional progression is inspiring to me because it demonstrates that one career route can lead to another, and another, and so on. Similarly to what Dr. Syed Quadri had said, fate is what brings people to the right aspirations in life.

My second interview this past week was with Elissa Cashman, an Occupational Therapist at Speech & Occupational Therapy of North Texas in Frisco. The process of interviewing her was very enlightening because she actually gave me a tour of her office, explained what certain equipment was for, and introduced me to the staff, including a therapy dog. The knowledge I gained from this interview will propel me forward in this course because it has broadened my terrain regarding the offices and staff that I have professional connections with.