



ACCESS

This has been an interesting and exciting experience. I don't know anyone (other than my teachers) in this field so this week was a learning curve for me. I was uncertain

in what I was going to study and what career I was going to pursue. When I saw the website I was hoping that you would consider allowing me to job shadow, as I waited for you to reply before I responded to anyone else. I knew I wanted to do a science that links with the earth but I didn't know what to major in. I wish there was a programme for Earth Systems science but the idea that everything affects each other makes it easier as it doesn't matter which programme I do, I will somehow be involved with the others. This 3 days that I spent here at ACCESS made me more confident in what I wanted to do. I was unsure of myself whether I would be ready to enter this world of science. I now know that I am definitely going to study the science of the earth.

Going to the university was a great opportunity. I never thought about being in the oceanography department but it was so interesting hearing other people's views. The ocean, the atmosphere and all the other factors are brought together to see how the earth works. No longer do I worry on what course I should take or the job opportunities, as I know that I am amazed about the wonders of earth and whatever I do, I would be happy. This career is versatile as it could involve change of course, office work, more technical work, research, organisations and programmes. Many people have told me that it is better to do a basic science like physics, chemistry or mathematics in order to have a strong foundation and then branch out. From there, you can change your mind as you go along which is great. I like the idea of learning new things all the time and not really having a routine. I am now not afraid of my future as I know that as long as I have a passion for what I am interested in I would make it work, and from listening to advice, I know that it would be all worth it.

What I found fascinating was how significant and unique South Africa is, especially Cape Town. I am more proud to be a South African. I never saw myself in education but there are other ways to contribute than by being a teacher. I like to help and learn from others as well as sharing interesting and exciting things. I will definitely report back especially to my geography and science class 😊

