

Careers Made Famous on TV

The characters on television have some cool jobs, right? Take for instance, Dr. Chris Turk on “Scrubs,” Crime Scene Lab Analyst Greg Sanders on “CSI,” and Attorney Joan Clayton on “Girlfriends.” Do you know that their jobs require a college degree? If they were real people instead of television characters, here’s what their high school and college experiences might have been like.

Dr. Chris Turk: Always interested in helping others, especially those who were sick or injured, Turk grew up with the idea that he wanted to become a doctor. He researched the career and found out that after high school he would need to earn a four-year bachelor’s degree followed by four years in medical and then three years of residency. He volunteered at the local hospital while he was in middle and high school and worked hard to earn top grades. After graduating from high school with almost perfect grades, several AP courses, and lots of volunteer experience, he went on to college and studied biology and chemistry. When he applied and was admitted to medical school, he was on his way to becoming a physician.

Greg Sanders: Since picking up his first amateur chemistry set when he was 7 years old, Greg had wanted to become a scientist. Even though his friends were not interested in science, he joined the Science Club in high school and went to a four-year college to study chemistry. For two years during college, he was an intern for the San Francisco Police Department. Greg now works in the Ballistics lab, the DNA lab, and the Trace/Fingerprint lab at the Las Vegas Police Department.

Joan Clayton: Joan Clayton’s mother and father knew their daughter was an expert at arguing when she was three years old. When she declared in middle school that she would become a lawyer, they knew she wasn’t joking. She excelled in English and social studies in high school, and became an expert on the debate team. She attended a four-year university and majored in political science. After finishing her bachelor’s degree, she went to law school for three years. She is now enjoying her career as an ambitious lawyer.

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