

Information Interviewing

Sample questions to ask of a person in an occupation you are considering. Ideally, make an appointment and go to the person's work setting.

1. How did you become interested in this field of work?
2. What do you think is the best educational preparation for a career in this field?
3. What qualifications do you look for in a person applying for this position?
4. Which part of the job is most challenging for you?
5. What skills are required of a person in your position?
6. Which classes would you recommend I take before I go any further?
7. How did you get your job?
8. Who do you know that I should talk to next in this field? When I call him/her, may I use your name?
9. What else do you think I need to know in order to make an intelligent decision about this field of work?
10. What is a typical salary \$\$ the first year? After 5 years?
11. If you could do it all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? Why? What would you change?
12. Thanks for your time and information.