

Career Conversation Questions

Career interviews expose people to career possibilities.

- What is your job like?
 - A typical day?
 - What do you do? What are the duties/functions/responsibilities of your job?
 - What kinds of problems do you deal with?
 - What kinds of decisions do you make?
 - How does the time use vary? Are there busy and slow times or is the work activity fairly constant?

- How did this type of work interest you and how did you get started?
- What are the educational requirements for this job? What other types of credentials or licenses are required? What types of training do companies offer persons entering this field? Is graduate school recommended? An MBA?
- What kinds of experience, paid or unpaid, would you encourage for anybody pursuing a career in this field?
- What are the most important personal satisfactions and dissatisfactions connected with your occupation? What part of this job do you personally find most satisfying? Most challenging? What do you like and not like about working in this industry?
- What are the various jobs in this field or organization?
- What sorts of changes are occurring in your occupation?
- How does a person progress in your field? What were the keys to your career advancement? How did you get where you are and what are your long-range goals?
- What are the skills that are most important for a position in this field?
- How is the economy affecting this industry?
- How has your job affected your lifestyle?
- If you could do things all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? Why? What would you change?