



Informational Interview

An informational interview entails meeting with somebody who is working in the career field you are considering pursuing, as a way to gain a firm understanding about what the profession entails, how you can make yourself marketable for it, and how you can attain success in it.

Informational Interview Questions

- What was your major in college?

Regarding first position after graduation:

- What was your first job after graduating from college?
- What tasks did it entail?
- How did you land that position?
- What were your biggest selling points to get you that job?

Regarding current position:

- What made you interested in switching to your current field of work?
- How did you get your first job in your current field of work?
- What kinds of tasks do you perform, problems do you deal with, or decisions do you make?
- Do you primarily perform individual or group tasks/projects?
- What other departments do you work with extensively?
- What are the most challenging, stressful, or frustrating aspects of the job?
- What are the most satisfying or rewarding aspects of the job?
- What are some key experiences, skills, or qualities that are necessary for entry into your profession?
- What are some key skills you developed and tasks you performed in your previous work experiences that helped prepare you for this field?
- How well did your college education prepare you for this field?
- What college courses would be most beneficial to prepare me for this field?
- Are you a member of any professional associations?
- What are some common misconceptions that many people have about this profession?
- Given my background of experiences, do you think I qualify for an entry-level position in your field?
- What are some ways that I can make myself marketable for this profession?
- What advice would you have for anybody interested in pursuing a career in this field?