

QUESTIONS FOR INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS

1. What do you like about your occupation? Why? What don't you like about your occupation? What job frustration and negative points should I know about before deciding whether to enter this field?
2. What are the activities and responsibilities connected with your job? Could you describe your job routine for a typical day or week?
3. Do the activities and responsibilities of your occupation vary depending on the employer, or are they generally the same? In what ways could your job situation be different from those of others in your occupation?
4. Does the number of responsibilities in your occupation remain constant or increase over time?
5. What skills are necessary to perform your job activities?
6. What training and education does your occupation require?
7. Do the training requirements for your occupation vary from employer to employer?
8. How much variety is connected with your work routine?
9. How would you describe your actual work setting or workplace?
10. What opportunities are there in your job for sharing ideas, acquiring new skills, and learning from your co-workers or supervisors?
11. How competitive is entry into your field? What is the outlook for openings in your field over the next few years?
12. What is the usual progression for jobs and assignments for people in your occupation? What career paths can people follow?
13. Is yours considered a staff or a line position? If a line position, what other people do you supervise?
14. What qualities do employers look for in job applicants who want to enter your occupation?
15. What are the goals of your organization? How would you describe its overall philosophy and objectives?
16. To what extent are the advantages and disadvantages of your particular job attributable to your particular place of employment?
17. Do you know the names of employers other than your own who hire people in your occupation? Do you know of any sources I could consult to locate still more employers?
18. Can you recommend the names of other people I can consult to find out more about your field? May I use your name to introduce myself?