



Career Awareness | Virtual Career Fair

Sample Questions

The **virtual career fair** is an opportunity for you to visit with representatives from a variety of industries. Some of the exhibitors will have presentations to share, while others will be offering a casual question and answer opportunity. Please use the questions below as a reference for what you might ask when visiting one of our virtual career fair exhibitors.

Pick and choose from the following questions or make up your own. Use the table below to identify questions about the...

<p>Professional - These questions address the professional's career background and journey to their current position.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> How did you begin your career?<input type="checkbox"/> If you could do it all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? If not, what would you change?
<p>Current Position - These questions address the professional's current position including areas such as the day to day experience, challenges, workload, authority, and lifestyle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> What are your main responsibilities as a...?<input type="checkbox"/> What is a typical day (or week) like for you?<input type="checkbox"/> What do you like most about your work?<input type="checkbox"/> What do you like least about your work?<input type="checkbox"/> What kinds of problems do you deal with?<input type="checkbox"/> What kinds of decisions do you make?<input type="checkbox"/> How does your position fit within the organization/career field/industry?<input type="checkbox"/> What kind of education, training, or background does your current position require?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How does your job affect your general lifestyle with relation to hourly schedule, paid time off, family life, etc?
<p>Career Field - These questions are generalized to include an overview of the professional's knowledge of the career field and available career pathways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How did you become interested in this field? <input type="checkbox"/> What current issues and trends in the field should I know about/be aware of? <input type="checkbox"/> What are some common career paths in this field? <input type="checkbox"/> What kinds of accomplishments tend to be valued and rewarded in this field? <input type="checkbox"/> What related fields should I consider looking into? <input type="checkbox"/> How do most people get into this field? <input type="checkbox"/> What are the common entry-level jobs? <input type="checkbox"/> What are the different career ladder options which compare entry-level positions to advanced levels? <input type="checkbox"/> Does it matter how much education and certifications/credentials <input type="checkbox"/> I've read that the entry-level salary range for this field is usually in the range of _____? Does this fit with what you've seen?
<p>Education and Skills - These questions address the suggested and required education and skills for entry into this career field and available career pathways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How relevant to your work are your educational experiences?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What skills, abilities, and personal attributes are essential to success in your job/this field? Consider addressing Portrait of a Graduate (POG) attributes as they relate to Workplace Readiness Skills (WRS). <input type="checkbox"/> Are there opportunities for you to openly collaborate with other employees or is the nature of the workload completed individually? <input type="checkbox"/> Are you expected to think creatively to complete projects in this profession? Share an example of how you were able to use your skills to creatively solve a problem that was provided to you.
<p>Work-related Training - These questions address any type of work-based learning opportunities that were completed either before and/or during the professional's time in their current position.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Were there any work-based learning experiences that either you or your colleagues have participated in and helped you learn more about the work associated with your career? <input type="checkbox"/> Is on-the-job training an option in this career field or are workplace readiness skills required before being hired?
<p>Networking & Preparation - These questions address the professional's suggested methods for establishing relationships/connections to help the student better prepare for entry into this particular career field.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What are the most effective strategies for seeking a position in this field? <input type="checkbox"/> What advice would you give someone who is considering this type of job (or field)? <input type="checkbox"/> What steps would you recommend I take to prepare to enter this field? <input type="checkbox"/> Can you suggest anyone else I could contact for additional information? May I have

permission to use your name when I contact them?

- Can you recommend trade journals, magazines or professional associations that would be helpful for my professional development?