

Suggested Questions for an Informational Interview

In general, what is the nature of your work as a (name of occupation)?

How does your job fit into the overall operation of this organization?

How did you get into this field?

Why did you choose this profession?

What does the future look like for this profession?

Please describe a typical day on your job.

What do you like most about your job?

What do you like least about your job?

What skills and abilities have you found most important in your work?

How did you prepare yourself for this kind of work?

What advice would you have for someone starting out in this profession?

What other types of careers are related to this field?

What would you look for on a resume if you were screening candidates to interview for a starting position in your area? (This is where you could ask them to critique your resume to see if you would be considered a viable candidate for a position based on your current skills and experiences)

Could you suggest a couple of colleagues/acquaintances whom you feel would be a further good source of information about the field? Could I use your name when I contact them?

Is there anything else that you feel I should know about this profession?