

# Career Exploration Interview

Career path decisions can be daunting. You have so many people around you who have been through this same process, so take advantage of this knowledge! Take some time to start interviewing people about their process and their career choices. Most people enjoy taking about their careers and adults like to see young people who are eager and interested in learning.

## The following are some question to help guide your interview:

1. How and why did you choose this career?
2. What is a typical "Day in Your Work Life" like?
3. What are the most and least rewarding aspects of your job?
4. What are the working conditions like (stress, pace, physical comfort, travel, environment, relocation, hours, routine vs. crisis, etc.)?
5. What education requirements, college degrees, licenses are needed for your career?
6. What colleges/universities/programs do you recommend for pursuing an education leading to this occupation?
7. What are the most important skills and abilities required for this job?
  - Creativity
  - Emotional Distancing
  - Emotional Involvement
  - Language/Communication
  - Manual Dexterity
  - Leadership
  - Physical Ability
  - Persistence
  - Social Skills
  - Time Management
  - Logic/Reasoning
  - Negotiation
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
8. What high school and post-secondary courses have you found to be most applicable/important for your occupation?
9. What are the best opportunities for someone entering into your career?
10. Are there any trends (e.g. demographic, social, legal) that concern you? Any trends that will make this career choice more or less attractive in the future?
11. What is the outlook for this career? Is there a shortage or oversupply of people in this career today?
12. Does this career involving living in one community all of your life or moving to different cities/provinces/countries every couple of years?
13. Does this career provide the opportunity to balance time between work and family?

14. How much money does this career provide at the entry level? After you work for 10 years? Maximum potential for most talented/experienced people? How much of the money is usually base pay, bonus (performance driven), profit sharing, stock/partnership ownership, etc.?
15. What are some related careers that I should consider?
16. Where can I find more information about this career (i.e., associations, on-line)?
17. What do you wish you knew (but didn't) when you first considered this career?
18. Would you choose this career if you could make the decision again? What (if anything) would you do differently?
19. What is single best part of your job? What do you like least?
20. Any "words of advice"?