



BEST PRACTICES: TYPICAL QUESTIONS THAT STUDENTS MIGHT ASK OF YOU

Here are some sample questions that high school students might ask you about your job and career path. If you can provide thoughtful answers to these questions, you are ready to tackle student interactions!

Career Path

Why did you choose this career path?
How did you get started?

Workday

What is a typical workday like for you?
How would you describe your work environment? (pace, hours, stress, safety, predictability, creativity?)
Can you describe some of the projects or challenges you've been working on lately?

Education

What kind of education and training did you need for your job?
What types of classes in high school or college provided the most useful preparation for your career?
Are there programs, apprenticeships, colleges you would recommend for people interested in this field?

Salary and Advancement

What can people expect to earn in entry-level jobs in this field? How about after 10 or 20 years?
What does it take for someone to advance in this career?
Have you ever seen anyone struggle in this job?
What are comment reasons for success or failure?

Tradeoffs, Rewards and Quality of Life

What do you enjoy most about your job, and what do you find most challenging?
Does this job allow for good work-life balance? Describe ways that people make it work.

Future of Your Industry

Are there any trends in your industry that concern you? Any trends you see as promising?
Is your industry facing a shortage or oversupply of people? How is job security?

Advice

What do you wish you had known at the start of your career?
What are the best opportunities for someone entering your field?

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