

Career Exploration Expo Assignment for Job Shadowing Credit

Please select five (5) questions to ask an employer/recruiter. Take notes on the employer/recruiter's response and, when you have time later, please write out your reflections on the employer/recruiter's responses on a separate sheet of paper and turn into your lab instructor for credit.

REMEMBER YOU MUST SIGN IN WITH MR. McINTYRE AT THE EXPO
SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF YOUR ATTENDANCE!
No sign in = No shadowing credit

What kind of training or background is necessary for this type of work?

How did you get this job, and what kinds of experience and preparation helped you most?

Who would you say has been the most helpful to you in your career? How did they help you?

What are your responsibilities in your position?

What are the duties you perform during a typical day? Month? Year?

How much variety is there on a day-to-day basis?

What educational programs are recommended as preparation?

What kinds of courses are most valuable in order to gain skills necessary for success in this occupation?

What degree or certificate do employers look for?

What kind of work/internship experience would employers look for in a job applicant?

What do you like most or least about this job?

What kind of stress do you deal with?

Knowing what you know now, what advice do you have for getting into this work?

What personal qualities or abilities are important for doing well in this kind of work?

For you, what part of this job is most satisfying?

What are the greatest pressures or strains in this line of work?

What kinds of changes do you see coming in this line of work?

How is the economy affecting this industry?

What do you see as the major problems or upcoming trends for those working in this field today? What trends in the field would be most likely to affect someone just entering this career now?

What do you think needs to be changed about this field?

What are the important "key words" or "buzz words" to include in a resume or cover letter when job hunting in the field?

Can you recommend the best entry-level jobs to get started in this line of work?

What qualifications and experience do you look for when interviewing new people in this field?

What impresses you in a resume from someone who is applying for a career in this field?

What advice would you have for someone like me who is considering this field?

Can you recommend any professional journals I could read in this field?

What professional organizations would you recommend joining?

What are opportunities for advancement? To what position? Is an advanced degree needed? (If so, in what discipline?)

What are the main or most important personal characteristics for success in the field?

Does the typical worker have a set schedule (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or are the hours flexible? What kinds of hours do you normally work? Do you take work home with you? Do you work on weekends?

What types of technology are used in your line of work and how are they used?

Where might job listings be found?

When people leave this career, what are the usual reasons?

What do you know now which would have been helpful for you to know when you were in my shoes?

What do you wish you would have known before you entered this field?

Do you have any special words of warning or encouragement as a result of your experiences?

What sacrifices do you think I might have to make in this career field? What sacrifices have you had to make to succeed in this field and do you feel the sacrifices were worth it?

How does a person progress in your field?

What is the highest-level job one can hold in this career?

How rapidly do people move to the next level in this career?

If I performed well in this occupation, where could I expect to be in five years?

What is the most important thing that someone planning to enter this career should know?