

### Informational Interview Questions

Read through the following questions below. Select the ones that will help you obtain valuable information about your occupation of interest & make an informed decision. As you read the questions, think about any other critical information that could be a factor when determining if the career would be a good match for you.

### Sample Questions

- ◇ What kind of training or background is necessary for this type of work?
- ◇ How did you get this job, and what kinds of experiences & preparation helped you the most?
- ◇ What are the future career opportunities in this field?
- ◇ What advice would you give to someone trying to break into this field?
- ◇ Is there a demand for people in this occupation?
- ◇ What are the specific skills needed to do this job?
- ◇ Describe the duties and responsibilities of your position?
- ◇ What future industry trends do you project could effect your occupation?
- ◇ What specialized technology does the organization use?
- ◇ Which professional journals and organizations would help me learn more about this field?
- ◇ What is your least favorite part of your work? What does your average day look like?
- ◇ What types of training do companies offer persons entering this field?
- ◇ What personal qualities or abilities are important to being successful in this job?
- ◇ What are the challenges in balancing work and personal life?
- ◇ Are there entry level jobs that might prepare me for this career field?
- ◇ Can you recommend another person in the field I may also interview? Could I reference your name when I call him/her?