

Career interviewbasics

1. “What Attracted You to This Career?”

Kicking off your conversation with a question like this one will give you a greater understanding of what initially drew that person to this sort of position, which provides some necessary context as you move into the rest of your discussion.

2. “What Previous Experiences Have Helped You Most in This Role?”

In a similar vein, don't be afraid to dig into that person's professional history. It's always helpful to understand how somebody arrived at this current point in his or her own career.

3. “What's Something That Would Surprise People About Your Day-to-Day?”

Using a prompt like this one will empower you to find out more about those lesserknown parts of a specific position.

4. “What's One Thing You Wish Somebody Would've Told You Before Getting Into This Field?”

Whether it's the fact that he had no idea how much he'd need to rely on his math skills or he didn't anticipate needing to collaborate with so many different departments, there's bound to be some element of that job that was unexpected.

5. “What Are Some of the Biggest Rewards of Your Job/Career?”

Of course, the goal of your conversation isn't to just uncover any surprising or negative parts of that position. You want to find out what that person loves as well.

6. “How Would You Describe Somebody Who Would Excel in This Career?”

You're eager to not only discover whether that type of position is what you're looking for, but also if you'd be a reasonable fit for that sort of role.

7. “What's Most Important to Prepare for a Role Like Yours?”

Ideally, you'll walk away from this conversation with a handle on your next steps. To get some actionable information that you can walk away with, end your conversation with a question like this one.

Is there a certain certification I need to get? A class I should take. Great experience to have? Other people I should reach out to?

Find out what he or she recommends to adequately prepare for that job.

When you're considering a certain career path, [Career Interviews](#) are a useful tool to lean on. You can't do too many and they do not have to be formally scheduled. When you have the opportunity (or make the opportunity), explore, ask questions, and connect!

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