

Minerva Participant: What to Ask Your Mentor



1. Why have you chosen this career?
2. What do you do exactly?
3. Describe a typical work day.
4. What is the location of your job? (inside, outside, factory, office, shop) Ask as this may change on a daily or seasonal basis.
5. Is travel necessary?
6. Does your job involve individual or team work?
7. Are you dealing with people or things?
8. What problems do you encounter on the job?
9. What are the rewards of your job? (personal, satisfaction, benefits, salary, opportunities for advancement, lifestyle)
10. What do you like about your job?
11. What do you not like about your job?
12. What factors affect your career? (changes in the economy, lifestyles, automation)
13. What are the requirements for your job? What training is involved?
14. What personal qualities were necessary?
15. What social skills are helpful?
16. What was the most useful subject you took in high school?
17. How much math did you take?
18. How much science did you take? What science courses did you take?
19. Did you take tech courses? Which one(s)?
20. How much math, science and/or tech do you use at your job?
21. What were your feelings about math in high school?
22. Do you plan to move up in your job?
23. Will extra education or training be necessary?
24. What other jobs could you do with your training?
25. What is the average starting salary in your job?
26. Do you belong to a union or an association? Must you be licensed?
27. Did you plan to have the career you have now when you were young?
28. What influenced you to choose this career? How? Why? People?
29. Did your parents influence your choice of career?
30. Were your parents supportive of your career choice?
31. Are you married? Do you have a family?
32. How do you balance work and a family?
33. Is your significant other supportive of your career?
34. Is there a high demand for workers in your field?
35. Are there many women in your field?
36. What suggestions do you have for anyone who is interested in this career?
37. Where did you get your post-secondary education (College, University or Technical Institute)?
38. Did any of your friends from high school enter your field of study?
39. What marks do you need in order to enrol in this field in your post-secondary institution?

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