



Career Interview Guide

Objective

Research a career area through the interview process.

Procedure

Explain that a personal interview is an important part of occupational research, then distribute a copy of the Career Interview Guide to each student to be done for homework. (*Interviews should take place **only** in safe settings.)

Suggested Performance Measure

Participation in class discussion of the following questions:

- What were the results of your interviews as recorded on your Career Interview Guide?
- Did anyone interview someone with an unusual occupation or someone working in a nontraditional field?
- Did the interview change your opinion of the occupation?
- Would you consider this occupation for yourself? Explain.

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Grade Level: 9–12

Career Education Competencies

- Self-Understanding
- Significance of Work
- Occupational Information
- Education and Work
- Economic Awareness

Applicable Tasks

Phase 1

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Phase 2

1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11

Phase 3

1, 3, 4

Related Academic Standards of Learning

English

9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 10.1, 10.4, 10.7, 10.1, 11.4, 11.7, 12.1, 12.4, 12.7

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Name _____

The purpose of this career interview sheet is to obtain information from a person who has been employed for several years in the same career area (e.g. education, law, military, sales).

Please answer the following questions:

1. What is your career area?

2. How did you choose your career? Did you know this was what you wanted to do when you were in high school?

3. What is the career track in your area?

4. Are there characteristics or aptitudes that would be helpful in this area?

5. What are the educational requirements for your current job? What high school subjects were beneficial?

6. How would you describe your current job?

Duties _____

Working conditions (to include any unusual or stressful conditions)

Hours _____

Current entry level salary _____

7. What do you like about your job? Dislike?

8. What jobs do you think you might have in the future?
