

Professional Question Examples

It can be challenging to come up with useful questions to ask a professional when having these conversations. Below are some examples of questions you may want to ask.

- **Could you tell me about your educational background?**
 - Did you complete any certifications, certificates, or programs outside of your degree?
 - Is an advanced degree needed to advance in this field/company?
- **What advice can you give a recent graduate looking to break into the field?**
- **What does an average day look like for your position?**
 - What are some special or unique projects you have been able to work on?
- **What sort of professional development opportunities does your company offer?**
- **What do you enjoy most about your field and/or company?**
- **Can you recommend any activities or organizations I should join to gain further experience in this career path?**
 - What about listservs, FB groups, etc.?
- **What unique skills or abilities are highly sought after in this field?**
 - What would be the best experiences, skills, etc. to highlight on my resume?
- **What is one important thing I should know before deciding to work in/for X?**
- **Do you know of any employment opportunities available at your company (or in the field)?**

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- Do not ask this right away as the point of this conversation is to asking probing questions about the field/company. Once you have asked some of these questions and have found that this career path would be a good fit, you can inquire about job opportunities.