

# GENERAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS



Listed below are some commonly asked interview questions. Take time to read through these and formulate how you would respond if this or a similar question is asked of you. In addition, set aside time to practice on your own and/or with someone else. Ask the Placement office to do a practice interview with you.

1. Tell me about yourself?
2. What do you consider to be your major strengths and weaknesses?
3. Why do you want to work here?
4. Why did you choose your major?
5. Describe your most rewarding college experience.
6. What job have you enjoyed the most?
7. What major problem have you encountered and how did you deal with it?
8. What type of work environment do you prefer to work in?
9. What do you know about our company/organization?
10. Where do you see yourself in five to ten years?
11. Why should I hire you?
12. How do you handle pressure?
13. What factors are important to you in a job?
14. Define confidentiality
15. How do you define success?
16. What are your career objectives?
17. What are your salary requirements?
18. What do you have to offer this company?
19. What do you think you can contribute to this company/organization?
20. Describe yourself in five words.
21. How would you describe your ideal job?
22. What personal characteristics do you feel are important for success in this field?
23. What do you think this job involves?
24. What motivates you?
25. What do you do to keep your professional knowledge current?
26. Do you have plans for continued studies? An advanced degree?
27. Do you prefer to work alone or with others?
28. Why did you leave your last job?
29. How would you handle a situation with a very distraught customer/patient?
30. Explain what you have learned from your mistakes?
31. Why have you been unemployed recently?
32. Tell me about a time when you feel you provided exceptional customer service.
33. Tell me about a problem that you solved in a unique or creative way.
34. Give an example of when you worked with someone who was difficult to get along with.
35. Give me an example of a goal you set and how you reached it?
36. Tell me about a time when you had to analyze information and make a recommendation.

Develop a separate list of questions specific to your field that you think an interviewer may ask you and then practice potential answers for each one.

