

Sample Informational Interview Questions

Below is a list of sample questions to ask during an Informational Interview. Use these as a baseline and customize them for each person and organization you interact with.

- Tell me about your career background. How did you get to where you are today?
- What do you like best about what you do? Least?
- What are some qualifications that make you successful in your position?
- What parts of your job do you find the most challenging?
- What do you see is the likely areas of growth for public health?
- Is this field over/under-saturated with job-seekers?
- How has your area of public health changed in the past five years?
- How do you expect it will change in the next 10 years?
- Why do people leave this industry/field/company?
- If you could start your career over again, would you do anything different to succeed in public health?
- What qualifications do you seek in a candidate?
- How do most people get into this type of position/field?
- What organizations might be interested in hiring someone with my background?
- Considering my background, how well do you think I would fit into your organization?
- How is your organization differentiated from others in public health?
- What personal attributes are essential for success?
- What public health competencies are essential for success?
- What motivates you to continue in this position?
- What are the most significant problems you have to solve on a regular basis?
- Are there ways to get experience in this field on a part-time or contract basis?
- Taking into account my skills, education, experience and interests, what other career options would you suggest I explore?
- What professional organizations and/or publications should I be familiar with?
- Where can I get information on salaries, employers and industry information?
- Is there anything else you think I should know?
- **Who else would you recommend I talk to? May I use your name when I contact them?**