

Interview Portion of the Signature Assignment due April 17, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Conduct an Informational Interview with someone in the occupation you selected, or with an academic advisor in one of the majors you are considering, and incorporate the information gained from the interview into your essay.

Use your personal and TSU resources to find someone to interview (i.e., ask classmates, friends, family members, work peers, etc.). You should ask any questions that are important to you - majors to study for the field, time with family, salary range, independence, etc.

Incorporate your Career Assessment results into your analysis:

Consider how the interests, values, skills, personality traits, and strengths that you possess will fit this job.

Is graduate study and/or additional training required for your chosen occupation? If so, explain what type and how you can increase your chances of being accepted to graduate school.

Provide a description of at least one activity (such as volunteer work, survival job, internship, etc.) not related to school coursework that could help you to get your ideal job.

You might want to include in your introduction your families' career choices or circumstances that influenced you in your choice of career fields.

Your conclusion should sum up and analyze what you have learned from your job and major research and what you plan to do with this information. For instance, you might find that you are now even more interested in your career field and major; you might discover that you want to change your mind about your major or career; or you might discover that you need to complete more research.

Example of questions:

Select questions that are appropriate for your target career field and stage of decision-making. You can ask about such topics as the nature of a person's work, how to get started in the field, or effective approaches for the job search. Use some of the following questions or make up your own.

- What are your main responsibilities as a...?
- What is a typical day (or week) like for you?
- What do you like most about your work?
- What do you like least about your work?
- What kinds of problems do you deal with?
- What kinds of decisions do you make?
- How does your position fit within the organization/career field/industry?
- How does your job affect your general lifestyle?
- What current issues and trends in the field should I know about/be aware of?
- What are some common career paths in this field?
- What kinds of accomplishments tend to be valued and rewarded in this field?
- What related fields do you think I should consider looking into?
- How did you become interested in this field?
- How did you begin your career?
- How do most people get into this field? What are common entry-level jobs?
- What steps would you recommend I take to prepare to enter this field?
- How relevant to your work is your undergraduate major?
- What kind of education, training, or background does your job require?
- What skills, abilities, and personal attributes are essential to success in your job/this field?
- What is the profile of the person most recently hired at my level?
- What are the most effective strategies for seeking a position in this field?
- Can you recommend trade journals, magazines or professional associations which would be helpful for my professional development?
- If you could do it all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? If not, what would you change?
- What advice would you give someone who is considering this type of job (or field)?
- Can you suggest anyone else I could contact for additional information?