

Mock Interviews



A mock or practice interview is a simulation of an actual job interview. It provides the student with an opportunity to practice for an interview and receive feedback. This process helps students learn how to answer difficult questions, develop interview strategies, improve communication skills and feel more comfortable when they have an actual job interview.

Set the Tone

- Set up the mock interview as close to the real thing as possible but remember that these are students and making them feel comfortable with a warm smile goes a long way!
- Ask students to prepare in advance. The students should prepare a resume, know how to dress, and think of responses to typical interview questions. Encourage students to bring a notebook to document any feedback the interviewer provides.
- It is tough interviewing for a “fake job” but getting as realistic as you can will prepare students the most.
- At the conclusion of the interview, give a business card or contact information for the interviewee to follow up. Supporting students or job seekers during their job exploration process provides a sense of confidence.

Examples of Interview Questions

- Can you tell a little about yourself?
- How did you hear about the position?
- What do you know about the company?
- Why do you want this job?
- Why should we hire you?
- What are your greatest professional strengths?
- What do you consider to be your weakness?
- Tell me about a challenge or conflict you have face at work, and how you dealt with it.