

## Common Interview Questions

### Personal

- » Tell me about yourself.
- » Describe your ideal job.
- » Of which three accomplishments are you most proud?
- » Who are your role models? Why?
- » How does your college education or work experience relate to this job?
- » What motivates you most in a job?
- » Have you had difficulty getting along with a former professor/supervisor/co-worker? How did you handle it?
- » Where do you want to be in 5 years? 10 years?
- » Since attending college, what is the toughest decision you have had to make?
- » Why do you think you are the best candidate for this position?

### Education

- » Why did you choose your major?
- » Why did you choose to attend your college or university?
- » Do you think you received a good education? In what ways?
- » In which campus activities did you participate?
- » Why did you choose these campus activities? What did you gain? What did you give?
- » What is your GPA? How do you feel about it?
- » Do you think your grades reflect your abilities? Why or why not?

### Career Goals

- » What appeals to you about the job for which you are applying?
- » Do you prefer to work under supervision or on your own?
- » What other types of positions are you considering?
- » Are you able to work on several assignments at once?
- » How do you feel about working overtime?
- » How do you feel about travel?
- » How do you feel about the possibility of relocating?

### Experience

- » What job-related skills have you developed?
- » What did you learn from these work experiences?
- » What did you enjoy most about your last employment? Least?
- » Have you ever quit a job? Why?
- » Give an example of a situation in which you provided a solution to an employer.
- » Have you ever done any volunteer work? Tell me about your experience.
- » Describe a project or situation that best demonstrates your analytical abilities.
- » What types of situations put you under pressure, and how do you deal with pressure?

### COER'S TIPS

- » Prepare three or four questions to ask the interviewer.
- » Ask when you can expect to hear back from the employer.
- » If you don't have the interviewer's contact information, ask for a business card so you can follow up if they have not contacted you within a specified time.