

Acing the Interview – Anticipating Questions

The key to a successful interview is preparation. While you can't predict every question you'll be asked, in most situations you can anticipate at least 50% of the questions.

Prepare answers for these typical interview questions, and practice answering them in front of the mirror or schedule a mock interview with the Office of Career Development.

Personality Traits

1. Why should we hire you?
2. What really motivates you?
3. How do you handle stressful situations?
4. Do you ever lose your temper?
5. Describe your typical workday.
6. How well do you get along with your supervisors?
7. How do you deal with criticism?
8. Do you consider yourself to be someone who takes initiative?
9. Are you a good time manager?

Education and Training

1. Why did you major in _____?
2. What leadership positions did you hold in college?
3. How does your degree in _____ prepare you for a position as a _____?
4. What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in college?
5. What subjects did you enjoy most? Least?
6. Why did you select Francis Marion University?
7. Why weren't your grades better?

Experience and Skills

1. What are your qualifications for this job?
2. What did you like best about your last supervisor? What did you like least?
3. What experiences have you had that prepare you for this job?
4. Tell me about the responsibility you had in your most recent position.
5. Why did you leave that position?
6. What type of person would you hire for this position?
7. What is the most important thing you've learned from the jobs you've held?

Your Reasons for Wanting the Job

1. What do you know about our company?
2. What trends do you see in our industry?
3. Why do you want to work for us?
4. Do you have any questions?