Northeastern University

List of Interview Questions to Practice

Common Interview Questions

- ☐ *Tell me about yourself.*
- ☐ *Why are you interested in this position?*
- ☐ *Where do you see yourself after graduation?*
- ☐ *What do you know about the company?*
- ☐ *Where do you see yourself in five years?*
- ☐ *What's your dream job?*
- ☐ *Can you describe one or two of your most important accomplishments?*
- ☐ *What are your greatest professional strengths?*
- ☐ *Why should I hire you?*
- ☐ *What do you hope to gain from this position?*
- ☐ *What type of work environment do you prefer?*
- ☐ *List three things your former supervisor/co-workers would say about you.*
- ☐ *What do you like to do for fun?/ What do you like to do outside of work?*

Challenging Interview Questions

- ☐ *What is your biggest weakness?*
- ☐ *What are your salary requirements?*
- ☐ *Why are you leaving your current job?*
- ☐ *Why is there a gap in your employment?*
- ☐ *Can you explain why you changed career paths?*
- ☐ *How many tennis balls can you fit into a limousine?*
- ☐ *Are you planning on having children?*
- ☐ *If you were an animal, which one would you want to be?*
- ☐ *What do you think we could do better or differently?*

How Should You Answer These Questions?

Case Interview Questions

- ☐ *A client is experiencing declining profits and sells gourmet coffee in Lexington. How can they approach this?*

- ☐ *We have a client whose company is experiencing issues with cash flow and needs to do a reduction in force or manage its costs- what would you recommend?*

- ☐ *How would you approach an opportunity to buy a business? Assuming money was not an issue, what criteria would you use to evaluate whether to purchase it and how to value it?*

- ☐ *We have a company who needs a good turnaround person to help save it. Where would you start and how would you proceed?*

- ☐ *One of our clients is experiencing a decline in business because one of their competitors has decided to enter the market with a similar product. How would you approach this issue as a consultant to the client?*

- ☐ *How many greeting cards do you think Hallmark sells for Mother's Day?*

- ☐ *What types of issues would you anticipate if you are given a start-up to grow? How would you evaluate market size?*

Behavioral Interview Questions

- ☐ *Tell me about a time you took a leadership role?*

- ☐ *Tell me about a time when you failed/missed a deadline?*

- ☐ *Tell me about a time when you disagreed with your manager or a co-worker?*

- ☐ *Tell me about a challenge or conflict you've faced at work, and how you dealt with it.*

- ☐ *How do you deal with stressful situations?*

Situational Interview Questions

- ☐ *What would you do if you made a strong recommendation in a meeting, but your colleagues decided against it?*

- ☐ *How would you handle it if your team resisted a new idea or policy you introduced?*

- ☐ *How would you handle it if the priorities for a project you were working on were suddenly changed?*

- ☐ *What would you do if the work of an employee you managed didn't meet expectations?*

- ☐ *What would you do if an important task was not up to standard, but the deadline to complete it had passed?*

- *What steps would you take to make an important decision on the job?*

- *How would you handle a colleague you were unable to form a positive relationship with?*

- *What would you do if you disagreed with the way a manager wanted you to handle a problem?*

- *What would you do if you were assigned to work with a difficult client?*

- *What would you do if you worked hard on a solution to a problem, and your solution was criticized by your team?*

- *How would you handle working closely with a colleague who was very different from you?*

- *You're working on a key project that you can't complete because you're waiting on work from a colleague. What do you do?*

- *You realize that an early mistake in a project is going to put you behind deadline. What do you do?*

Technical Interview Questions

- *What is your favorite mobile app, and do you have any suggestions for improving it?*

- *Explain how a hybrid vehicle operates.*

- *Describe a difficult engineering problem you recently solved.*

- *Can you give an example of when you acquired a technical skill, and converted it into a practical application?*

- *Describe Quicksort.*

- *Write some pseudo code to raise a number to a power.*

- *How would you design a touch interface for a device?*

- *How does the strength to weight ratio compare for aluminum vs. steel?*

- *Write a function that divides two numbers without using the divide "/"' operator*

- *How would you make a product more biodegradable?*

- *Describe your senior design project in 3 minutes or less.*

- *Explain the different types of losses that occur in a transformer.*

- *Describe the differences between symmetric and asymmetric encryption, and scenarios where one is more appropriate than the other.*

- *In a given sorted array of integers, remove all the duplicates.*