Self-Presentation/Mock Interview

Target Audience: All students

Objective: Students will identify skills, consider career path options, and/or respond to discipline specific questions by answering pre-selected interview questions.

Assignment ideas

1. Exploration: Careers related by major
Assign students to prepare for the InterviewStream mock interview with a specific career field in mind. Students may be assigned to identify the skills and qualifications required by that field and highlight how they possess those identified skills.

Resources to research career titles and identify required skills:
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- O*Net Online
- Candid Career Videos
- FOCUS2

2. Skill development: Communication/self-presentation
Assign students to answer five interview questions including questions selected from the “General Question List”, located in InterviewStream, assessing soft skills like analytical thinking, decision making, or interpersonal skills. Contact Crystal Sehlke, Program Director, at csehlke@umd.edu to request an Interview Stream account and get started creating your customized interview question set.

3. Interview skill: Practice preparing for an interview through a Mock Interview
Implement the strategies mentioned in the interview section of the Terp Guide within the mock interview 2014-2015 TERP Guide.

Evaluation options
The Professor will choose up to 10 questions for the class to answer through Interview Stream. The questions may be discipline specific, prompt a reflection of future career goals, describe a recent research project, etc. Through InterviewStream students will send the mock interview to the instructor (or industry specific alumni or employer the professor has selected) to critique students’ responses based on the interview rubric guidelines (InterviewStream offers a rubric that can be customized within the system).

- Instructor selects a small number of student mock interviews to share with the entire class for a group critique.
- Spot check the length of the answers to ensure students were answering the questions.
- Require completion of an essay style question like “How did this assignment help you prepare for future interviews?” in Elms.
- Spot check to ensure completion of the assignment. Divide the student mock interviews into groups of five and distribute them to your trusted colleagues or UMD alumni who have industry specific knowledge to offer feedback.
- Watch every student’s recording and offer individual comments (takes 2-4 minutes per question to watch the answer and provide verbal or written comments through InterviewStream).
Student Instructions for Utilizing InterviewStream

1. Register for Careers4Terps by visiting www.Careers.umd.edu (Careers4Terps link is located on the left corner of the homepage).
2. Once you are registered, click on the orange ‘IS’ (InterviewStream) tab towards the bottom of the page.
3. If you don’t have a webcam, the University Career Center has a computer room you can reserve for a Mock Interview. Contact the Center by calling 301-314-7225 to reserve the Mock Interview room.
4. Click on “Conduct Interview” and then click the red block under “Created For Me”. Now search for “???” interview and preview the interview questions or click “start interview”. You will then be prompted for a connection test to ensure your webcam is compatible.
5. When you start the interview, an interviewer will appear on the screen to present the question. You will then have two minutes to answer the question. Once you have completed each interview question you have the option of Review, Retry, or Continue. The last interview question will have the option of Finish. Click that and ensure that your video has been loaded on the next screen before exiting Interview Stream.
6. Your professor will be alerted automatically when the video has been loaded.

Optional - Self Assessment
7. Click View Interview and scroll towards the bottom of the page until you see Assessment. Click “Self” and rate your interview on all categories listed. Then click the red “Save Assessment” button to record your ratings.

Student Tips:
- You will have up to two minutes to answer each question.
- You can have as many “re-takes” as you would like.
- Contact the University Career Center at 301-314-7225 if you have problems logging into Careers4Terps to access Interview Stream.