

Questions Employers Might Ask During a Co-op Interview ????????

Everyone is nervous during an interview. That is why preparation prior to the interview is so important. In addition to researching the company, give some thought to these potential interview questions.

1. In what ways have your jobs/education prepared you for this co-op? If you haven't gotten a copy of the job description before your interview, contact the Co-op Office and ask for one.
2. Why do you want to be a co-op at our company?
3. What do you know about our company after reviewing our WEB site?
4. Tell me about yourself. Do not reveal any personal information such as marital status, sexual orientation, or activities not related to work environment.
5. Describe how your academic background prepares you for this co-op?
6. What did you like most about your job at XYZ Company?
7. What did you like least about working at XYZ Company?
8. What have you learned from the jobs you have had?
9. How do you feel about your academic progress to date?
10. What has been your greatest accomplishment to date?
11. Please describe how you organize and plan for your major papers or class projects?
12. What are three of your greatest strengths?
13. What is your greatest weakness?
14. What are your outstanding qualities?
15. Tell me about a time you dealt with an angry person and how you handled the situation?
16. How would your supervisor describe you in one word?
17. Describe a time when your ideas were criticized and how you handled it?
18. What type of work environment do you prefer, structured or unstructured?
19. Which do you need: A great deal of supervision or minimal supervision?
20. Tell me about yourself. State your major, GPA, rank in school, and other pertinent professional information, courses taken, etc. Do not refer to personal information such as marital status, sexual orientation, etc.
21. Rate your attitude on a scale of 1-10 and tell me why you chose that rating. Be sure to clarify which is highest 1 or 10.
22. What have you done that shows initiative?
23. Do you prefer to work with others or alone?
24. Do you consider yourself to be a leader or a follower?

Schedule a mock interviews with Cooperative Education or Career Services.