Acing Virtual Sessions &
Interviews

Career Chats with ECD Career Advisors:

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1: Know What
You’re Getting
Into

- Common Types of Virtual Interviews and Screening Tools
  - Phone (still very popular!)
  - Live video/virtual (Skype, Google Hangout, WebEx, Zoom)
  - Recorded video (HireVue)
  - Skills screenings or technical assessments
- Virtual Employer Sessions or Career Development Events: https://wisc.joinhandshake.com/
- Research Company (and interviewers) - Spend time on careers section of website, LinkedIn and/or Glassdoor.com
- Understand the role(s)
- Have all the details: Link, date, time, time ZONE!

What ARE you getting into??
2: Set the Stage & Troubleshoot

- **Backdrop:** Background, lighting, external noise or distractions (phone in silent mode, TV off, pets away)
- **YOU:** how you look on camera, angle, what you are wearing
- **Technology:** Practice in advance! Download any needed software, test headphones/speaker, camera, and microphone
  
  Test with a Career Advisor or friend!

3. Prepare & Rehearse

- **Know Your Resume:** be prepared to talk about anything on it
  - Tell me about yourself
  - Walk me through your resume
  - Know Why You Are There
  - What interests you about the organization or role?
  - Why are you awesome (for the role or org?)
- **For Interviews:**
  - Strengths/Weaknesses: have examples of strengths and plan of action to improve weaknesses
  - Behavioral questions: use STAR method
  - Technical or industry specific questions
  - Questions YOU ask them
  - REHEARSE, REHEARSE, REHEARSE

4. Take Notes & Follow-up

- **Take notes:** Don’t trust your future memory
- **Follow-up:** Send thank you messages and/or connect on LinkedIn
- **Reflect and** incorporate what you learned for future interviews, conversations, sessions, career fairs, etc.

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Questions & Answers

Submit questions via the chat feature

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