Many of the interview questions asked in design related fields are very similar to those asked in any job interview. Therefore, it is important to review the sample questions found on our Interview Questions and Behavioral Interviews handouts. It is also very common for an employer to simply have you talk through different experiences listed on your resume before having you show your portfolio.

Sample Questions

**General Design Interview Questions**
- How would you describe your design style? -OR- Describe your design process.
- What has been your favorite design project at school or work? Why?
- What strategies do you use to sell your design ideas to others?
- What design software are you most comfortable using?

**Behavioral Questions Related to Design**
- Tell me about a time that you used creativity to solve a design problem.
- Describe a time when you made a mistake on a project and explain how you resolved it.
- Tell me about a time when you worked on a successful design team.
- Tell me about a time when you incorporated feedback into a design even if you didn’t agree with it.
- Describe a time when you successfully juggled multiple projects at once.
- Tell me about a time when you met an aggressive deadline for a project.
- Tell me about a time when you persuaded someone to go with your design idea.

**Questions Related to Portfolio Items**
- What are some of the big decisions you had to make when working on this project?
- How much time did it take you to complete this project?
- What research did you do to inform this design?
- What is something you don’t like about this project that you would do differently next time?
- What portions of this project did you complete? Which were completed by a team member?

**Questions Related to the Field or Job Tasks**
- What building do you strongly dislike and why?
- Can you estimate the dimensions of this room?
- What makes for a good web site?
- Who is your favorite fashion designer and why?
- Do you have experience developing sustainable landscapes? Explain.