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# Networking



# What is Networking?

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Networking is the exchange of information and ideas among people with a common profession or special interest, often in an informal social setting. Professionals use networking to expand their circles of acquaintances, find out about job opportunities in their fields, and increase their awareness of news and developments in their fields.

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# Join a Professional Association

CareerOneStop Professional Association Finder

# Attend Networking Events

Find them through [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or  
Professional Associations

# Utilize LinkedIn for Networking

# LinkedIn Networking

Make sure your LinkedIn profile is  
Complete

## Grow Your Network

Ask people you meet at networking events, job fairs, and informational interviews if you can add them on LinkedIn

## Join Groups

Look for groups related to your field/job of interest, especially those in Chicago



# Attend Job Fairs

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# Send Emails!

# Types of Emails

Someone You Do Not Know

Requesting an Informational Interview

After Meeting at an Event

Job Fair

Networking Event

When Introduced/Referred by Someone Else

After Job Interview

# Conduct Informational Interviews

- Could you describe one of your typical workdays?
- Which parts of your job do you find most exciting or satisfying?
- What experiences would be helpful for someone entering this field?
- What skills are most important in this kind of work?
  - How did you learn these skills?
  - Any advice for others trying to gain these skills?
- What is a typical career path in this field?
- Why do people leave this field or company?
- What would be the best way for me to market myself for a position in this field?

## Example Questions

# Additional Questions

[40 Questions to Ask in an Informational Interview](#)

University of Buffalo, School of Management

[Informational Interview Questions](#)

Sabrina Woods

[Informational Interview Guide](#)

Emory, Rollins School of Public Health

# Questions?

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