5 Questions to Ask People Already Doing Your Dream Job

Deciding to become a chiropractor is a big decision. While it's impossible to see how your future will pan out, one of the best ways to get a feel for a healthcare career is to speak with a current professional and learn the valuable information that got them where they are today. If you are thinking of applying for chiropractic college, there's lots you can take away from a conversation with a current chiropractor. It's not about trying to get a job, it's about gathering information and learning how to best position yourself for a successful chiropractic career.

If you don't know any current chiropractors, no problem. This guide will help you find someone to talk to. More importantly, we'll teach you the 5 questions to ask someone already doing your dream job. Let's get started.

1 What Do You Enjoy Most About Being a Chiropractor?

You might think the answer to this question is obvious: "I like helping people" or "Making a difference in the lives of others." But the answers to this question can surprise you and bring out someone's innermost feelings. Maybe their favorite thing is an issue that you haven't considered, like the flexible work-life balance that chiropractors enjoy. Maybe there are other healthcare or life-quality benefits that you didn't know about, or maybe what they enjoy closely aligns with their career growth and goals. When you learn what a person really likes about their career and why they continue to pursue it, you get a glimpse into their motivators, which can help you see yourself in their position in the future.

You'll Learn:

- The emotional payoff of becoming a chiropractor
- The reasons for going to work each day

2 If You Could Go Back, What Would You Do Differently?

Everyone, at every level of success, looks back at their career at some point and wonders how different decisions could have changed their path. This question helps you prepare for the future. Current professionals have built up a lot of industry knowledge and experience, so gaining their insights around information they feel could have helped them in their own journey – about skills, training, a particular specialization, shadowing a mentor, or even applying for scholarships – will be valuable as you apply for chiropractic college and begin your career.

You'll Learn:

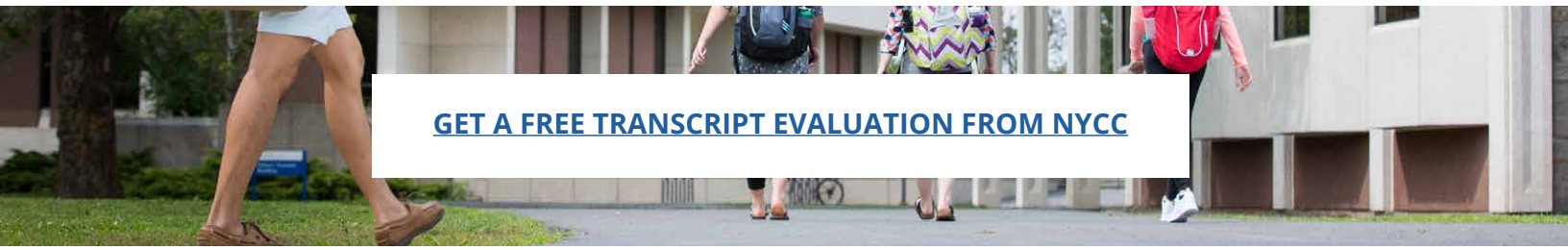
- From their mistakes, and from their wisdom
- If they've realized that a different path would have been more helpful, then it's worth considering

3 How Did Chiropractic College Prepare You For Your Career?

Grad school is a journey. From the excitement of the first day to graduation jitters, students learn everything they can about how to start their career in their specific industry. The number one priority of chiropractic college is to prepare you for a chiropractic career. Asking a current professional to reflect on what they learned and how it prepared them for their career will give you invaluable information before you enter a program. And while you're earning that degree, that professional's success can serve as a reminder of how important learning a particular subject or specialty is for your the future.

You'll Learn:

- Insight into chiropractic college that you can't get elsewhere



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4 How Do You See The Industry Changing In The Next 10 Years?

Think about any industry. Think about what it was like 10 years ago. Every industry evolves, and the workplace evolves with it. This question can prepare you for future skills or certifications, and teach you how to forecast what the industry will look like when you enter. As a follow up question, you could ask how the industry has changed in the previous 10 years, or how it's changed since this professional graduated from chiropractic college.

You'll Learn:

- A glimpse into what the future holds and what you'll need to do to stay ahead of the game

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What Advice Do You Have For Me?

This question is a combination of all the previous questions, but it's a great way to learn the most important piece of advice from your mentor. If their answer is a repeat of some of their other answers, probe deeper by asking "why." Current professionals love answering this question. It gives them the green light to impart their wisdom onto you. It's also a great way to end your conversation with the most high-level, top-of-mind points.

BONUS QUESTION

Is There Anything Else You Can Tell Me?

Journalists often end interviews by asking some variation of this question, and you'll be surprised how effective it can be. Because it's such a non-specific and open-ended question, it often elicits the first thought that comes to mind and gets to the crux of what the person being questioned really wants to tell you. It's a great way to cut through the jargon and get to the bottom line.

How To Connect With A Chiropractor

Chiropractors are a part of a close-knit community. If you already know a chiropractor, tell them you're interested in pursuing a career and ask them for a few minutes of their time. If you don't know any chiropractors, New York Chiropractic College is happy to put you in touch with one so you can get valuable insight into a chiropractic career.

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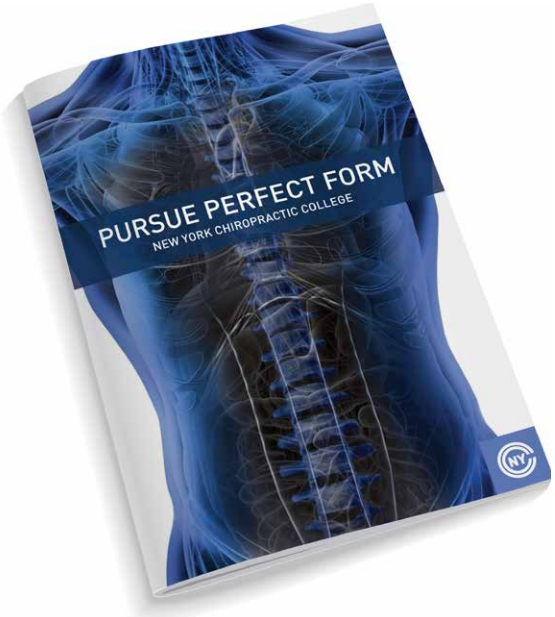

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