



Mercy Education Project (MEP) Career Video Library Volunteer FAQs

Volunteer commitment: 5 to 20 minutes (counted as 2 hours)

What is the purpose/impact?

MEP is collecting interviews from professionals from a variety of fields to discuss their background and career path. These videos will help our women and teens discover their passion and decide their goals as they leap into the workforce and decide their college major. These short videos are posted in a “library” on our website for our students to view based on their interests. Please note, a college degree is *not* required to participate as a career library interviewee.

For example, if a Women’s Program GED Student expresses interest in healthcare, we will direct her to the videos pertaining to that field. If an 11th or 12th grader in our College and Career Readiness program is curious about a major in business, she will watch videos of interviewees who have majored in business.

Thank you for volunteering your time to positively impact our students’ career exploration.

How does it work?

Volunteers will set up time to record a short video via Zoom with an MEP staff member. These videos can be interview style, with an MEP staff member asking each question (below) and the volunteer responding, or speaker style where the volunteer simply tells their story during the recorded Zoom while organically answering the questions below.

Examples can be found at: <https://www.mercyed.net/career-video-library>

As a career library interviewee, we ask that you answer the following:

- Where did you attend college or trade school, what was your major, minor, and/or field of study? **OR** How did you begin your career?
- How did you land in your current field and/or position (or most recent if retired)?
- What is a typical day like in your current role (or most recent if retired)?
- 1-3 pieces of advice for someone interested in your field/role or general advice for our students entering college or the workforce

How to begin?

***Please note: The Career Library is on a temporary hiatus until Spring/Summer 2023. Do not hesitate to reach out to Erin O’Mara for other ways to get involved or to be placed on the Career Library waiting list.**

- Email Erin O’Mara, Director of Community Engagement, at eomara@mercyed.net
- Provide: name, employer, title, and Zoom availability (maximum 20-minute; weekdays)
- Decide if you’d like to engage in interview or speaker style (can be decided during Zoom meeting)