



### Informational interviews

Informational interviews are another career exploration opportunity that will allow for current EMCC students to gather information from an individual working in the student's field of interest. Students who are interested in a certain career or educational pathway can set up a one-time 20 minute to 1 hour interview with a professional in the industry through the Career & Transfer Center. It will allow the student to meet with an individual employed in an occupation of interest to them to discuss and better understand the realities and demands of an occupation, clear up assumptions about the career, while also seeking advice from a professional.

### Job Shadow

Job shadowing is a career exploration opportunity that will allow for current Estrella Mountain Community College students to find out what it is like to work in a specific profession. A student can arrange to shadow an Estrella employee, faculty, or an external industry partner in their field of interest at their job site for up to four hours. Job shadowing offers the chance for students to see what it is really like to work in a certain profession while also getting the chance to seek advice and information from a professional. If you are interested in sharing your career and educational pathway in a short period of time to help a student gain a better understanding of their goals, then this mentoring opportunity is for you.

#### What are the Business' responsibilities to participate in a job shadow/informational interview?

- Complete the Connect with Estrella Form
- Complete and submit the Experiential Education Partnership Agreement form to the Career & Transfer Center (Will only need to be completed once per company and will be on file for all Maricopa Community Colleges. Form is required for any form of partnership between the college and the company.)
- Arrange date and time for career exploration in the most convenient arrangement for both parties
- Meet with interested EMCC student
  - Job shadow: Commit to up to **four** hours of job shadowing per session
  - Informational Interview: Commit between 20 minutes to 1 hour with student
- Share your expertise and experiences!
- Contact the Career & Transfer Center if you have any questions or concerns at 623.935.8740

*\*Although the informational interview and job shadowing experiences are a onetime occurrence with each student, this could be multiple experiences over the course of a semester or year, dependent upon the employee/community member. Each experience will range 20 minutes to 1 hour and employee/community member will be called on a case by case basis.*

### Speakers Bureau

The speaker's bureau is a list maintained by the Career & Transfer Center of professionals interested in participating in a variety of career panels. If you are interested in sharing your experiences, career and educational, with a group of students in 50 minutes, then this mentoring opportunity is for you. Contact the Career & Transfer Center to add your name to the speaker's bureau list.

### What are the benefits?

- Assist students in the career exploration process and provide a mentoring experience to support the student
- Share your knowledge and information with students which can make a real difference in a student's life
- Help coach student's and motivate student's to stay on course

Your commitment will provide a student a mentoring experience that adds to student support programs and activities that fit into the "Estrella Experience" by utilizing the talents, career knowledge and college experiences of professionals in the student's field of interest. Thank you for your partnership.

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