



## **Interviewing for a Job? Practice makes Perfect!**

You've heard it said so many times. Making an excellent first impression is essential for a strong interview. This includes your appearance, your punctuality, and most importantly, your interviewing skills!

## **Benefits of a Virtual Mock Interview**

- Unlimited practice interviews will sharpen your skills and increase your chances for getting the job or internship.
- You can take part in a Virtual Mock Interview from your own home.
- The system allows you to choose general interview questions, industry specific questions or questions specifically selected by the Career Center to challenge your interviewing ability.
- Store your mock interview for future viewing and analysis.
- Seeing yourself will allow you to see exactly what the interviewer sees.

## **More about Virtual Mock Interviews**

The online system digitally records you as you respond to practice questions and loads your mock interview into your HireAggies profile. You can then review it from any computer with an Internet connection as many times as you want. You will also be able to email it to people you would like to review it.

## **How much time will I need to use it?**

- In about 30 minutes you can get logged in, follow some basic steps to do a general interview, record your responses to interview questions and review your responses.
- Time will vary among users because you have the opportunity to:
  - Re-try responses, save or delete responses.
  - Select from a detailed menu of questions (instead of using a general interview).
  - Stop anytime, and log in later to finish an interview.

## **Can I use it more than once?**

Yes. You can save responses and review them later. You can choose different interview questions.

## **How to get started**

- **Make sure that you have Adobe Flash Player 11.8 installed and an available webcam.**
- Go to HireAggies.com, click Access HireAggies, and enter your NetID.
- If you have not done so already, complete your profile.
- On the right-hand side of your home page, click >Mock Interviews
- Select from Recommended Interviews or create your own under My Mock Interviews -> Create New Mock Interview
- Follow the steps on the back of this page to complete the mock interview.

## Three easy steps to a Virtual Mock Interview

### 1. Pick your Recommended Interview or create your own interview from hundreds of questions.

#### Option 1: Recommended Mock Interviews

- Search through the pre-made mock interviews by scrolling through the list or using the keyword search.
- Once you've found an applicable interview, click the "Record New Attempt" button.
- Follow the instructions to complete your mock interview.

#### Option 2: Customized Mock Interviews

- Click the blue "Create New Mock Interview" link above the keyword search.
- Enter a name for your mock interview in the given field; ex. "Practice Interview #1".
- Click Save and Continue.
- Search the categories on the left side of the page to find categories that apply to you.
- Click the categories of your choice to choose your questions.
- Scroll through the questions and click the "Add" button to the right of the question.
- Arrange the questions according to your preference in the box on the right side of the page.
- Note that the length of time your interview will take is also displayed.
- Once you've added as many questions as you want, click the "Save and Continue" button.
- Choose your preferred interviewer.
- Either "Start Your Mock Interview" now or click "Save and Take Interview Later" to simply add this interview to "My Mock Interviews".

### 2. Conduct Practice Interview: Conduct your interview with any webcam, any MAC, any PC, anywhere, anytime.

- Select "Record New Attempt" under the interview of your choice.
- Click the button "Audio and Video Settings".
- Allow [tamu-csm.symplicity.com](http://tamu-csm.symplicity.com) to access your camera and microphone to record the interview.
- Select "Start Interview", read the instructions, and select "Let's Get Started".
- Video interviewer will ask the first question, click "Start Recording Answer" to begin recording. Click "Stop Recording Answer" when done. Click "Next Question" to continue.

### 3. Watch and Share with Others: Review your interview. Select "Share Interview" and enter a passcode that you can send to the individuals from whom you are requesting feedback. You can then copy the link to your interview in the email, along with the passcode. When you're viewers receive your email, they will be able to click the link, view your interview and leave feedback which you will be able to see under each question in your mock interview.

Questions? Contact the Texas A&M University Career Center at 979-845-5139