SAMPLE INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR A CAREER IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

- How did you choose the student affairs field?
- How can I learn more about the field?
- Which professional associations and journals would help me learn more about student affairs?
- What training and/or education do you have?
- Should I go to graduate school? When should I go?
- On a typical day in your position, what do you do?
- What other positions have you held in student affairs?
- What opportunities for advancement are there in student affairs?
- What are the salary ranges for various levels and areas in student affairs?
- What part of your job do you find most satisfying? Most challenging?
- What part of this field do you find most satisfying? Most challenging?
- What are the basic prerequisites for jobs in student affairs?
- What personal qualities or abilities are important to being successful in student affairs?
- How do you see jobs in student affairs changing in the future?
- What special advice would you give a person entering student affairs?
- Do you have any recommendations of other student affairs professionals that would be able to talk to me about their experiences?

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