



Family Career Genogram¹

A **genogram** is a diagram that is similar to a family tree that also includes information about relationships and interactions between family members. Use the sample genogram on page 2 to create your own. For each person, include their **name**, **occupation**, and **education level**.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Try to include at least six people and multiple generations of your family if possible.
- Focus on those individuals that are emotionally closest to you. They do not need to be biological relatives.
- If you do not know someone's name, level of education, or job right now, you can leave that space blank. You may also complete your genograms later with assistance from your family.

Family Member Interview Questions

Interview one member of your family to learn more about their educational and career goals and path.

1. What grade level did you complete?
2. Did you want to graduate from high school?
3. Did you want to go to college? Why or why not?
4. Did you graduate from college and what did you study? Why?
5. Were there any barriers or responsibilities that prevented you from graduating from high school and/or college? Explain.
6. What career did you want to have? Why?
7. Do you feel that you accomplished your educational goals? Explain.
8. Did you feel that you accomplished your career goals? Explain.
9. Are you happy with your job/career? Why or why not?
10. What do you wish for me?

¹ This activity is based on the Genogram Lesson Plan and Sample from the Postsecondary Success Toolkit originally created by Network for College Success.



Sample Career Genograms

