Career Journal #6

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# Mock interview with a virologist:

What education is required for a position like yours?

An M.D. and/or Ph. D with postdoctoral training

Are there any requirements for working in a lab?

Yes, most require at least 3-5 years of postdoctoral research.

What is a typical day like?

Every day varies greatly as a virologist, because we can be sent to go study an outbreak, some are in labs conducting experiments, and others working at universities teaching. Every day is a new adventure as a virologist.

What is the typical salary range?

Salaries range from $57,680-$86,520

What are you currently working on?

I am currently working on a new vaccine for EBV, which is a type of herpes virus known for causing infectious mononucleosis.

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