Facilitator's Guide: Conducting Effective Interviews, Session 1

Target Audience: This training is designed for HR Hiring Managers and SMEs who participate in interviews and/or must prepare other personnel for the interview process.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- 1. Integrate a fair and unbiased selection process.
- 2. Implement 5 interviewing strategies to ensure the best candidates are identified.

Training Purpose:

HR hiring managers and SMEs should receive the vILT (virtual instructor-led training) because of the expansive geographic locations, the ability to dialogue with other employees, and the complexity of the content. With this training, participants will see common interviewing mistakes and re-create compliant and fair interviewing questions to use straight away. This training will offer practice for HR hiring managers and SMEs, leading to an improved interview process for both interviewers and candidates. Additionally, learners will be able to use the training to inform other interviewers to ensure a fair and unbiased selection process, leading to hiring the best candidates.

Materials / Equipment:

• Laptop, Zoom, Facilitator Guide

Total Time: 90 minutes

Link to Presentation Slide Deck: Conducting Effective Interviews

Producer: Pre-Work	Actions
Pre-vvork	 Set up Zoom meeting link and test audio/video/link functionality; allow facilitator to advance slides Set up 4-6 breakout rooms to allow 3-5 participants per breakout room Monitor waiting room, chat, and links throughout training Record Zoom meeting when training begins

- 5. Download and open PowerPoint file and test functionality
- 6. Open (https://bit.ly/3NG9f7k) to ensure it's working; share in chat for participants to use
- 7. Allow facilitator control to advance slides/animations
- 8. Set up Padlet Ice Breaker (https://padlet.com/mistybreengill/whatthegif), reset if necessary, and test functionality of link for slide #4
- 9. Go to PollEv.com/mistybreen713 and check for functionality of link for slide #7
- 10. Set up Mentimeter https://www.menti.com/ale9b3s4b9z2 (slide 1) code **52 18 80 2,** reset if necessary, and test functionality of link
- 11. Update PowerPoint slide #12, if needed, with Mentimeter questions URL link/code/QR code
- 12. Update PowerPoint slide #18, if needed, with Mentimeter questions URL link/code/QR code
- 13. Check the links on slide #21
- 14. Go to PollEv.com/mistybreen713 (slide 2) and check for functionality of link for slide #24
- 15. Go to https://www.menti.com/ale9b3s4b9z2 and start presentation for slides #12 and #18
- 16. Check Google Form Assessment https://forms.gle/orCUVZZ5byDCpnBR8

Notes

- Whiteboard sticky notes can be substituted for Mentimeter and/or PollEverywhere; Discuss preference with facilitator
- If using Whiteboard in Zoom, click *New* and a pop-up window will appear. In that window, click on *Collaborating* and grant access to users. Granting access will enable sharing of information. Be sure to share the prompts for participants to respond to.
- Zoom Poll questions can be used in lieu of PollEverywhere; Discuss with facilitator and plan questions accordingly (<u>DEI questions</u>)

Facilitator: Pre-Work

Actions

- 1. Thoroughly review the Facilitator Guide, Facilitator Notes, and PowerPoint Slides
- 2. Familiarize yourself with the talking points under SAY and DO, especially when to use the talking points to fill in the discussion as needed; Feel free to supplement with your own insights, commentary, and questions
- 3. Join Zoom call 15 minutes prior to start of training
- 4. Open PowerPoint and add your name/date to the opening slide
- 5. Rehearse timing and practice sharing screen with producer
- 6. Collaborate with producer to adjust breakout rooms' grouping and size as needed

Notes

- All slides begin with a click and show an image and title. From there, each click will advance new information. Use the presenter view to help with timing
- Aim to elicit responses from the participants every five minutes to maintain engagement

Training Outline	Training Outline								
Slide(s)	Approx. Time	Topic / Activity							
1-3	4 minutes	Introduction, ground rules, objectives							
4	3 minutes	Ice-breaker with .gifs							
5-8	12 minutes	Structured Interviewing: video, PollEverywhere, identifying problems							
9-13	16 minutes	Behavioral and Situational Questions: breakout room discussion and practice in Mentimeter							
14	10	BREAK							
15-19	10 minutes	Cultural Fit: Practice in Mentimeter							
20-22	14 minutes	Collaborative Decision-Making: Job description, Vyond video, and scoring guide practice							
23-25	10 minutes	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Considerations and a poll in PollEverywhere							
26	2 minutes	Summary							
27-28	9 minutes	Assessment using Google Form/ Thank you!							
Total Time	Total Time Approximately 90 minutes								

Detailed Guide	Detailed Guide					
Slide Details	Slide Thumbnail	Facilitator Notes	Producer Notes			

Slide 1 (1 min) SAY: DO: Monitor waiting room, Welcome Welcome to IT Pro Tech's training Conducting on Conducting Effective Interviews let participants in Effective • [Introduce yourself and the • Play music for early Interviews producer.] arrivals • We're covering 5 key topics during Post link to bit/ly in the 90 minutes we have together. chat We'll take a break after topic 2. • Be sure to get the bit/ly so that you can follow along and have access to the work that we're doing today. **DO:** Provide enough information about yourself so that participants understand your qualifications. • Address any questions/concerns as needed Slide 2 (1 min) SAY: DO: [Review the ground rules. Ask for Continue to let **Ground Rules** participants in questions 1. Be Present Post bit/ly in chat as 2. Keep Camera On people arrive DO: 3. Stay Muted Unless Speaking Clarify rules as needed 4. Keep an Open Mind 5. Use Chat for Technical Difficulties Slide 3 (2 min) SAY: DO: Today, you will practice how to **Objectives** Check Padlet again integrate a fair and unbiased selection process AND implement Integrate a fair and unbiased selection process. 5 interviewing strategies to ensure the best candidates are selected mplement 5 interviewing DO: strategies to ensure the best andidates are identified. Add additional explanation if needed

Slide 4 (3 min)	How are YOU today? Go to Padlet	SAY:	I know many people dislike ice-breakers, but who doesn't love a gif? Let' take a minute to use Padlet and Giphy to find a gif that represents YOU today. You'll find the links to the padlet and giphy in the chat. Find a gif, copy it, and paste it into the Padlet. Look at padlet responses. Make small-talk with participants. Help anyone who is struggling to paste their gif.	DO: •	Post padlet link in chat https://padlet.com/mis tybreengill/whatthegif Post giphy link in chat www.giphy.com Pull up Padlet to show replies Monitor for tech support
Slide 5 (1 min)	TOPIC 1: Structured Interviewing Techniques	SAY: DO:	Our first topic is using structured interviewing techniques. Conducting interviews without proper preparation can lead to disaster. Try to keep a perky pace throughout the training	DO:	Monitor chat and answer questions
Slide 6 (2 min)	Structured Interviewing	SAY: DO:	We're going to start by watching a short Vyond video. You're going to answer 3 questions after viewing it. Be sure to listen to the hiring manager carefully as she interviews two candidates. Play video.	DO:	Check to be sure learners can hear/see video

Structured Interviewing - Poll 1. What mistake did the hiring manager make in the interviewing process? 2. Why did the hiring managers disagree on who to hire? 3. How do these issues impact hiring quality candidates?

SAY:

 There are three questions to answer [read them]. We're going to write our responses to the questions in Poll Everywhere. Follow the link in the chat. You have about 5 minutes to jot down your thoughts.

DO:

- Put PollEverywhere link in chat PollEv.com/mistybreen 713
- Pull up responses to share as they are entered
- Monitor for tech support

DO:

- Show poll for all to see
- Check on participants; clarify as needed

Slide 8 (5 min)



SAY:

 Structured interviews are a systematic and standardized approach to interviewing candidates for a job.

[Talking Points- Share some information/ follow with a connection question to increase engagement if needed] Reduction of Bias:

- Consistency: In structured interviews, all candidates are asked the same set of predetermined questions in the same order. This consistency minimizes the impact of individual biases of interviewers, as each candidate is evaluated based on the same criteria.
- Objective Evaluation: Structured interviews emphasize objective criteria for assessment.
 Interviewers are guided by a predefined set of skills, competencies, or qualities that are relevant to the job.
- Fair Treatment: Every candidate is

DO:

 Monitor chat and answer questions

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	treated uniformly, reducing the potential for discrimination. Structured interviews help ensure that all applicants have an equal opportunity to showcase their qualifications and skills, without being influenced by irrelevant factors such as personal preferences or stereotypes. Relevance to the Job Description: Job-Related Questions: Structured interviews are designed to focus on specific job-related skills, competencies, and experiences. Questions are crafted to assess a candidate's ability to perform tasks and responsibilities outlined in the job description. Predictive Validity: By aligning interview questions with the requirements of the job, structured interviews enhance the predictive validity of the hiring process. This means that a candidate's performance in the interview is more likely to be indicative of their on-the-job performance. Efficient Evaluation: Since questions are directly related to the job, interviewers are efficiently assess whether a candidate possesses the necessary qualifications. This targeted approach helps organizations identify candidates who are the best fit for the role.
	 Use the talking points to help explain the significance of

J	Titerviews Training Session - VILT Facilitator's		structured interviewing. Adjust level of detail to meet the participant's needs.		
Slide 9 (1 min)	TOPIC 2: Behavioral & Situational Questions	SAY: DO:	[Introduce topic 2] Smile	DO:	Monitor chat and answer questions
Slide 10 (3 min)	Behavioral Questions BEHAVIORAL questions are designed to elicit information about a candidate's past experience and actions. STAR method: Situation, Task, Action, and Result Describe a specific situation or task, the action taken, and the result	SAY: DO:	[Ask participants how comfortable they are writing behavioral questions on a scale from 1-5, with 5 being an expert. Either drop number in chat or show of fingers] Based on the average number from above, review content on screen with detail or overall information. Mention the STAR method for sure. Give an example of a STAR question if needed	DO:	Monitor chat and answer questions

Slide 11 (4 min)



SAY:

• [read the definition of situational questions]

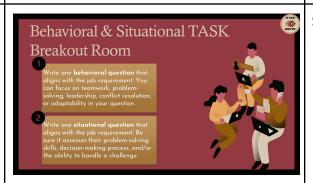
DO:

 Monitor chat and answer questions

DO:

- Explain how situational questions assess a candidate's decision-making process
- Explain the significance of matching situational questions to the job description and keeping the questions realistic/ not overly detailed
- Add examples or ask for an example to increase engagement

Slide 12 (5 min)



SAY:

 We're going to practice writing quality interview questions in small groups. Once you're in the breakout room, quickly discuss which topic you'd like to practice. Craft one interview question for behavioral OR one for situational. Choose a person to type the question into Mentimeter

DO:

 Check in on the groups while they're discussing; provide clarification

DO:

- Put 3-5 learners in breakout rooms
- Post Menti link: https://www.menti.co m/ale9b3s4b9z2
 - Code: **52 18 80 2**
- Show Menti as responses come in
- Take screenshots of finished responses
- Monitor for tech support

Slide 13 (2 min)	Behavioral & Situational Questions Link to Group Questions	SAY: DO:	As you look at the interview questions, what do you notice? Responses should be visible Ask for a volunteer to share their thinking	DO:	Show group's responses Monitor chat and answer questions
Slide 14 (10 min)	10:00	SAY: DO:	We're going to take a 10 minute break. Please be back at Start the timer Meet with Producer to problem-solve or adjust accordingly	DO:	Check in with facilitator to problem-solve as needed
Slide 15 (1 min)	TOPIC 3: Assessment of Cultural Fit	SAY: • DO:	Welcome back! [Small talk/connection such as I hope you had a chance to check your emails and grab a coffee or tea.] Our third topic is assessment of cultural fit. Finding the people who are best suited for the company is essential. Consider asking participants if the pace is okay; adjust accordingly	DO:	Monitor chat and answer questions

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Slide 16 (1 min)	Company Values & Work Culture WORK PREFERENCES • Fost-paced, dynamic vs. structured and predictable? • Work schedule • Remote, Hybrid, On-site	SAY: DO:	Examining our company values and work culture is important. One consideration is through work preferences. [Review key bullet points] Monitor time	DO:	Monitor chat and answer questions
Slide 17 (2 min)	Company Values & Work Culture COLLABORATION STYLE • Preferred approach to collaboration • Independent or part of a team • Conflict resolution within a team	SAY: DO:	Collaboration style is another key factor to consider. [Review key bullet points]. Monitor time	DO:	Monitor chat and answer questions
Slide 18 (2 min)	Company Values & Work Culture ADAPTABILITY TO COMPANY • Feedback preference • Hands-on management vs. autonamy • Communication preferences • Decision-making style • Project preferences	SAY: •	A third factor to consider when evaluating cultural fit is a candidate's ability to adapt. [Review bullet points] For example, let's say that Liam, a candidate, loves getting feedback after every project. He values his supervisor's input, and that really helps him grow. However, you know that the supervisor will NOT be offering that level of feedback because the pace of the projects is way too fast for that. Take that into consideration as you contemplate which candidate is the best fit.	DO:	Monitor chat and answer questions

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Slide 19 (4 min)	Assessment of Cultural Fit Practice Write a question that delves into a candidate's work preference, collaboration style, OR adaptability to the company's environment.	SAY:	It's time to practice. We're going back to the Mentimeter slides to write I question that would best assess a candidate's work preference, collaboration style, or adaptability. You can choose the topic. You'll have about 3 minutes to write a question.	DO:	Put Menti link in chat Pull up Menti link to view as responses are entered Monitor for tech support
		DO:	Check with participants for support		
Slide 20 (1 min)	TOPIC 4: Collaborative Decision-Making	SAY: DO:	[Introduce topic 4] Check in with participants for pace and engagement	DO:	Monitor chat and answer questions
Slide 21 (2 min)	Scoring Guides Interceive	SAY: • DO:	Who consistently uses a scoring guide when interviewing candidates? [chat or show of hands] [Review key bullet points] Gauge reaction to scoring guide	DO:	Monitor chat and answer questions

Slide 22 (11 min)



SAY:

- We're going to practice using a scoring guide. There's a job description, a video, and a scoring guide for this segment. [Choice: go through 1-3 together, offer to do individually, or offer breakout rooms and meet back]
- [waterfall upon completion of activities] When I say go, type the number you gave to candidate 1.
 GO.
- [waterfall for candidate 2]
- Having a scoring guide helps hiring managers get to know their own values, forces people to use the job description, and gives each interviewer an opportunity to voice their thoughts.

DO:

 Review scores for waterfall 1.
 Consider asking a participant for their reasoning. Do the same for waterfall 2.

DO:

- Drop the links to job description, video, and scoring guide into the chat. Mention that the bit/ly has a link to everything, too.
- Monitor for tech support

Slide 23 (1 min)



SAY:

• [Introduce the topic] This is our last topic

DO:

 Look for engagement; adjust the next activities accordingly. More questions in the chat in lieu of the PollEverywhere (slide 25) is also acceptable.

DO:

 Monitor chat and answer questions

Slide 24 (3 min)



SAY:

- Incorporating diversity, equity, and inclusion in the interviewing process is not only a matter of ethical responsibility but also a strategic imperative. It helps organizations build stronger, more innovative teams, attract top talent, and create an inclusive workplace culture that benefits both employees and the organization as a whole. Things to consider while preparing for and conducting the interview: [go through bullet points touching on keywords]
- Add that gaining a more comprehensive perspective is important when forming a diverse interview panel; for "interview format, consider in-person, phone, virtual options. For language, consider preferred pronouns, and avoiding personal questions"

DO:

 Check participant engagement. Consider asking questions to increase engagement. Example: Who has been on an interview panel and realized that the interview questions aren't really going to identify the best candidate? Who offers a varied interviewing format?

DO:

 Monitor chat and answer questions

Slide 25 (6 min)	DEI Task POLL Determine if the interview questions and actions are supportive of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive interview process.	DO:	We're going back to our PollEverywhere link to complete an individual task. You'll see some interview questions. Your job is to consider if the question is supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion. Consider engagement and time; pivot to chat for answers if needed View the responses, but do not show everyone. Upon completion, clarify any issues that may arise from the questions.	DO:	Drop PollEverywhere link in chat PollEv.com/mistybreen 713 (page 2) Monitor chat and answer questions
Slide 26 (2 min)	Summary Utilize structured interviewing- reduce bias and align with job description Assess candidates for cultural fit- ask through preference questions and values alignment Ask behavioral and situational questions-determine knowledge, skills, and abilities	SAY:	We're almost finished. Before we move on to the assessment, let's review. [mention keywords from each topic] Ask if there are any questions or clarifications needed before moving on to the assessment.	DO:	Make sure the google assessment form is ready Monitor chat and answer questions
Slide 27 (8 min)	Assessment Go to Google form here	SAY: DO:	There are six questions on the assessment. You'll need a 5 or better to pass; however, you can retake it if needed. Check in with participants half-way through Check for 100% completion	DO:	Drop the Google Assessment form in the chat Monitor chat and answer questions

Slide 28 (1 min)



SAY:

- [thank them for today. Answer any last-minute questions]
- [Ask them to complete the feedback survey]

DO:

 Review the assessment scores; make sure everyone completed the assessment with a 5 or higher.
 Address individuals as needed.

DO:

- Provide the survey feedback form in the chat
- Stop the recording.