

Sample Informational Interview/Job Shadow Questions

How did you first get into this work?

What part of your role do you feel has the biggest impact?

What is the most important part of your role?

What's the most enjoyable part of your job?

What is your biggest career achievement to date?

What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

What are the most important relationships for your role?

If you had more hours in your day, what would you do more of?

How has your role or the industry changed since you started?

What do you expect in this career field in the next 10 years?

What skills are needed to be successful at this organization/in this career field?

How do you maintain and refresh your professional skill set?

Why do people leave this career field?

What academic classes do you recommend to students who want to go into this career field?

What extracurricular activities or clubs do you recommend students take advantage of to gain outside the classroom experiences?

What education and training is needed to be eligible for and successful in this career field?

Are there any specific colleges or universities that have programs in this field that you recommend?

Can you give me an example of a career path for people in this field?

What does your organization look for in new hires?

Do you have or know of any volunteer, summer or internship opportunities for high school students?

What is the job outlook for careers in this field?

What is a typical starting salary in this field?

If you could start all over again, would you change your education or career path in any way? What would you change?