**Job Shadow Questions**

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* How long have you been working in this career?
* Why did you choose it?
* What kind of education did you need to get started?
* What types of continuing education have you had as your career progressed?
* What do you like best about your work?
* What do you like least about your work?
* What is a typical day like? Will I be experiencing a typical day with you, or is there something out-of-the-ordinary today?
* What percentage of your work is done alone and what percentage of your work is done in collaboration with others?
* With which other types of professionals are you in daily contact?
* Are there any trends that are strongly affecting your work? If so, what are they?
* What are the most critical skills to have in order to be successful in your work?
* If your job has a normal career path, please describe how most people start, the various jobs along the way as they advance, and the usual amount of time in each position.
* What would a starting salary be like for someone straight out of college, and what would be a usual salary range for someone competent with ten years of experience?
* What advice would you give me if I am interested in pursuing this career?