Helpful Job Shadowing Questions

1. What do you do? What are the duties/functions/responsibilities of your job?

2. Is there flexibility related to dress, work hours, vacation schedule, place of residence, etc.?

3. If your job progresses as you like, what would be the next step in your career?

4. With the information you have about my education, skills, and experience, what other fields or jobs would you suggest I research further before I make a final decision?

5. Are there organizations you are expected to join?

6. Are there other things you are expected to do outside work hours?

7. What interests you least about the job or creates the most stress?

8. What is a typical career path in this field or organization?

9. What is the best way to enter this occupation?

10. Does your work relate to any experiences or studies you had in college?

11. How well did your college experience prepare you for this job?

12. What courses have proved to be the most valuable to you in your work? What would you recommend for me?

13. How important are grades/GPA for obtaining a job in this field?

14. What abilities or personal qualities do you believe contribute most to success in this field/job?

15. What are the typical entry-level job titles and functions? What entry level jobs are best for learning as much as possible?

16. Do you have any advice for someone interested in this field/job? Are there any written materials you suggest I read?

17. Which professional journals and organizations would help me learn more about this field?

18. What kinds of experience, paid or unpaid, would you encourage for anybody pursuing a career in this field?

19. What special advice do you have for a student seeking to qualify for this position?

20. How would you assess the experience I’ve had so far in terms of entering this field?

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