

Examples of Questions to Ask During a Job Shadow

Introduction

- What is your occupation and job title?
- How did you become interested in this type of work?
- Why did you choose this career?
- How did you get your job with this company?

Qualifications

- What type of education and/or training were required for this job?
- What classes did you take in high school that prepared you for your job?
- Did you have to interview, take any tests, and complete an internship or apprenticeship for this position?
- What kind of experience was required for this job?
- What personality traits are important for this job?
- What kind of technical knowledge is required for this job?
- How are technology demands increasing or changing?

Duties

- How many hours do you work in a typical week?
- Are certain times of the month or year busier than other times?
- What kinds of things are you required to do as part of your job?
- Are you required to supervise other employees as part of your job?
- Do you have to depend on others in order to accomplish your job?
- Do you take work home?
- Do you work a shift?
- What choices do you have in making your work schedule?

Salary and Benefits

- What is the salary range for different levels in their field? And how are raises earned?
- What types of fringe benefits are offered to your job?
- What is the opportunity for advancement in this area?

Personal Satisfaction

- What do you like best about your job?
- What don't you like about your job?
- How has your company kept up with technology and progressive business management techniques?
- How does your job affect your time away from work?
- What are the job opportunities for this area of work?
- What kind of personal satisfaction do you get from your job?

Miscellaneous

- What advice would you give a student interested in this career?
- What changes do you see in this area within the next 5-10 years?