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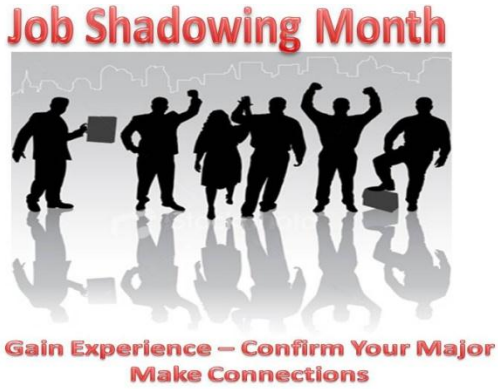

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Sample Informational Interview Questions to Ask During A Job Shadow

- 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?
- What type of education and/or training was required for this job?
- What courses have proved to be the most valuable to you in your work?
- Did you have to interview, take any tests, and/or complete an internship for this position?
- What kind of experience was required for this job?
- What skills are important for this job?
- What kind of technical knowledge is important for this job?
- How are technology demands increasing or changing?
- How many hours do you work in a typical week?
- 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?
- What can you tell me about the working atmosphere and the people with whom you work?
- What is the corporate culture like?
- What is the salary range for different levels in this field?
- What types of fringe benefits are offered to you for your job?
- How are “raises” earned?
- What is the opportunity for advancement in this area?
- 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?
- What are the job opportunities for this area of work?
- What kind of personal satisfaction do you get from your job?
- What advice would you give to a student who is interested in this career? What professional journals and organizations would help me learn more about this field?
- What changes do you see in this area over the next 5-10 years?
- If you could do things all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? Why? What would you change?