Beyond Your Major

Sample Questions for Shadowing

1. What is your occupation/job title?
2. What do you do on a typical day?
3. How did you decide to pursue this field?
4. What type of setting, hours, atmosphere, etc. can be expected?
5. What problems do you have to deal with? From your perspective, what are the problems you see working in this field?
6. How do you balance your work and family responsibilities?
7. How much education is required to get into a position like yours? How important are grades/GPA for obtaining a job in this field?
8. What kinds of prior experiences are absolutely essential?
9. What personal attributes or characteristics are important to being successful in this position?
10. What part of your job do you find most satisfying?
11. What do you find most challenging about your job?
12. What is the greatest event you have experienced in your position?
13. What advice would you give a student interested in this career?
14. Is there anything else that we have not talked about that you think is important for me to know as I continue my quest for the ideal career for me?