INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW QUESTION IDEAS

* How long have you worked in this field? What are a few of the job titles you’ve held?
* How did you enter the field? What was your background and training? Was this a traditional entry for this profession?
* What educational background is required? Helpful?
* What skill sets should I possess or develop?
* Can you give me advice on how to get my foot into the door (i.e. obtain my first job)?
* What type of work schedule is common?
* What type of environment is typical in this field? Intensity? Pace? Autonomy? Supervision?
* How do you think this work environment differs from most others, if that is the case?
* Would you describe a typical day for me?
* How does this career fit in with your preferred life style? Family life?
* What do you see as the advantages/disadvantages of working in this field?
* Are there typical salary ranges in this industry? What can I expect to earn as a novice or in an entry-level position?
* What would be considered an entry-level position?
* What are the rewarding aspects of this job choice for you?
* What are the downsides?
* What changes in this profession do you see as inevitable?
* How competitive is this profession? Am I likely to find a job?
* How important is volunteer work in getting started?
* What professional organizations are active in this profession?
* Can you recommend someone else I might speak to? Can I say that you referred me to them?