Sample Questions for Job Shadowing or Informational Interviews:

How did you choose this occupation?

What are some career paths for someone in your field?

What skills or qualities are important for this position?

What are the rewards and challenges of this career?

What is your educational background and what experience did you have prior to this position?

What are your main responsibilities as part of your current job? Do you work mostly alone or as part of a team?

Can you describe a current project you are working on?

What is the organizational culture of this company?

What are some entry level job titles and functions related to this field?

If you were a college student again, what would you do differently to prepare for this job?

What types of activities or experiences (student organizations, internships, etc.) would enhance career potential in this field?

Is there someone you would suggest I speak with to gain more information about this career?