• What are your main responsibilities as a...?

• What is a typical day (or week) like for you?

• What do you like most about your work?

• What do you like least about your work?

• What kinds of problems do you deal with?

• What kinds of decisions do you make?

• How does your job affect your general lifestyle?

• What current issues and trends in the field should I know about/be aware of?

• What are some common career paths in this field?

• What kinds of accomplishments tend to be valued and rewarded in this field?

• What related fields do you think I should consider looking into?

• How did you become interested in this field?

• How did you begin your career?

• How do most people get into this field? What are common entry-level jobs?

• What steps would you recommend I take to prepare to enter this field?

• How relevant to your work is your undergraduate major?

• What kind of education, training, or background does your job require?

• What skills, abilities, and personal attributes are essential to success in your job/this field?

• If you could do it all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? If not, what would you change?

• I’ve read that the entry-level salary range for this field is usually in the range of \_\_\_\_\_\_? Does this fit with what you’ve seen? (Don’t ask about the person’s actual salary.)

• What advice would you give someone who is considering this type of job (or field)?

• Can you suggest anyone else I could contact for additional information?