Useful questions to ask on a job shadowing placement

# General questions

* What education/training did you have before taking this role? How helpful was it in getting you the role and supporting you in the role?
* Are there any other experiences – work or non-work related – that have supported your career?
* If you could go back in time would you do anything differently in preparation for this career path?
* What would you look for if you were recruiting for this post?
* Are there any journals or career related web sites you think would be helpful in learning about this role?
* Is volunteering a good way to gain experience that would be recognised at interview?
* What happened at your job interview. What should I expect?
* Are there any professional groups I could join that would be useful to me?
* What qualifications do you feel are important for this role?
* What personal qualities do you need to succeed in this role?
* When did you apply for this role?

# Job pros & cons

* Would you choose the same occupation if you were just starting out? Why or why not?
* Do you have special words of warning or encouragement as a result of your experience?
* If you could change any aspect of your career/role? Was it what you expected it to be?
* What is your favourite thing about your current role?
* What do you feel are the most challenging elements of your role?

# The job itself

* Could you give me an example of a typical day for you in this role?
* What do you spend most of your time doing?
* In terms of a career path what would that look like for this sort of role? Where could you progress to?
* Who do you work with and what are the relationship links?
* How important is team work to this role?
* How often do you work alone?
* How much of the work is self-directed and how much is regulated by others?
* What are usual work patterns like in this role?

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