Questions to Ask During a Job Shadow

- What is your job title?
- What is a typical day/week like?
- What do you like best about your job?
- What do you like the least about your job?
- How did you become interested in this career?
- How much patient contact do you have?
- Do you do the same work each day or is there variety?
- Is your job fast or slow paced?
- What challenges have you faced in this career?
- How much schooling is required?
- How competitive is this field?
- Are you required to pass a test and become certified/registered before you can work?
- Do you have to complete continuing education?
- Are there opportunities for advancement?
- What types of qualities should a person have to be good at this job?
- What is your schedule like? Do you work nights/weekends/holidays?
- What is the career outlook like?
- What changes have you seen in your job? What changes do you foresee in the future?
- What is the salary range for someone starting out in this field? What is the salary range for someone with experience? (Note: Do NOT ask your mentor what he/she makes. Always ask for a salary range)
- What advice do you have for someone thinking about pursuing this career?
- What other jobs/careers are similar to this one?
- Do you work with people in other health care professions?
- What role does technology play in your job?
- If you had the chance to do it all over again, would you choose this career?
- What classes should I be taking now to prepare for this career?
- Is there anything else I should know about this job?

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