Sample questions for informational interviews

Work environment and skills for success

- How would you describe the environment in which you work?
- How would you describe your typical day?
- What do you spend the most time doing?
- What kinds of problems/decisions do you face during your day?
- What are the most important skills you use every day?
- What makes you successful in your position?
- What are some qualities of successful people you respect?

Personal experience

- How did you become interested in this field?
- Can you tell me about your career path and where you see yourself in a few years?
- What did you study in college and what did you do to prepare for professional school?
- What do you wish you had known before entering this field?
- How does this job affect your personal life?

Professional development

- When selecting a professional program, what did you look for?
- Are there things you wish you had known or investigated when selecting a professional program?
- Would it be beneficial for me to talk with other people?
- May I use your name in contacting these people?
- If I have questions, may I stay in contact with you?