Informational interviews are a great way to speak with professionals in career field you are considering. The following questions are intended to help you build a detailed picture of your desired major and career path.

Name of Interviewee:
Job Title:

Can you tell me about your job? What does an average work week involve? How much variety is there on a day-to-day basis?

Can you tell me about the path you took to get to your current position? How long did it take you to get to your current position?

What about your job do you enjoy the most or that satisfies you the most?

What is most challenging about your job? What aspects of your job do you dislike?

What are the opportunities for advancement? Is an advanced degree needed?

What skills/qualities are needed to excel in this field?
What skills did you learn in your major that transferred into your career? What skills do you think are important in your job that you didn’t learn in your major?

What kinds of courses are most valuable to gain the skills necessary to be successful in the job?

What kind of work experience and extracurricular activities do you recommended?

What kinds of jobs are available to students right after graduating from college?

When did you become certain that this was the job you wanted to do and how did you know?

If you could do things all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? Is there anything you would do differently?

Do you have any advice to help me be successful in this field?