Example Informational Interviewing Questions:

1. What is the best advice you would give someone starting out?
2. What skills outside of your major area of expertise help in your daily work?
3. What would have better prepared you for the job?
4. What kind of experience do you wish you had before you started this position?
5. What qualities do you need to succeed in this position?
6. Do you belong to any professional societies/organizations?
7. What is a great day at work?
8. What do you find most rewarding about this position?
9. What’s a bad day like at work?
10. What is most stressful about your job?
11. What keeps you up at night?
12. Would you do this forever?
13. What are the next steps in your career path?
14. How much freedom do you have to implement new ideas?
15. What inspired you to enter this career?
16. How is your career different from what you expected?
17. How has your field changed since you started?
18. What surprised you the most about the job?
19. What drew you to the job and did it live up to your expectations?
20. How has your perspective of the position changed from when you started?
21. Who advises you now when you have questions about your job?
22. What kinds of other positions did you consider?
23. How compatible is your career with family life?
24. How do you manage the work/life balance?