Sample Questions

- What do you find important in making successful career decisions?
- What are your general tasks and responsibilities?
- What opportunities for advancement are there in this field?
- What qualities make someone successful at your company?
- What is the culture/work environment like?
- What skills or talents are essential for effectiveness in this job?
- What can increase my chances for getting a job with your company/in this industry?
- Where should I be looking for jobs?
- Do you feel you have a work-life balance? How many hours do you work?
- How does the employment outlook seem here in ____________, How about elsewhere?
- What other career fields are related to what you are currently doing?
- What are some of the growing concerns in this profession?
- What are the specialties in this area?
- What are the occupations in this field?
- How do you see jobs in this field changing in the future?
- Is there a demand for people in this occupation?
- What opportunities for advancement are there in this field?
- What are the top companies?
- What do you do? Describe a typical day
- What do you find to be the best things about your profession? The worst?
- How did you get into this occupation? Get started in this job? What did you do before your current position?
- What do you enjoy about your career? What don't you enjoy?
- Do you feel as though you have work-life balance? How many hours do you work?
- How did you prepare yourself for this job? For this profession?
- What classes or projects can I undertake to prepare myself for this career area?
- What is the most relevant major, course of study or preparation?
- What is the most valuable thing you learned during your training?
- Are there specific courses you would recommend I take now?
- What was your major? How was it helpful?
- What training, education or experience is required for this type of work?
- Knowing what you know now, would you choose the same occupation again? Why or why not?
- What advice do you have for me?
- What recommendations do you have for job searching?
- Do you know if your company has internships and how I could apply for them?
- Would it be possible for me to shadow you for a day or part of a day?
- What are the professional associations, journal and websites in the field?
- Where can I get more information about the industry/occupation?
- What do you know that you wish you knew when you were at Brooklyn College?