Sample Informational Interview Questions

What is a typical day (or week) like for you? What is your most favorite part of the job? What is your least favorite part of the job? How does your role fit within the organization/industry? Are there current issues and trends in the field that I know about/be aware of? Are there common career paths in this field? How do most people start? What kinds of accomplishments tend to be valued and rewarded in this industry? Are there related fields I should consider researching? What first got you interested in this field? How did you begin your career? What was your first job out of college? How do most people get started in this occupation? What are common entry-level job titles? What advice do you have for someone preparing to enter this field? How relevant to your work is your undergraduate major? Beyond a bachelor's degree, what kind of education, training, or experience does your job today require? What knowledge, skills, abilities, and personal attributes are necessary to succeed in this occupation/industry? What are the best job search strategies for entering this field or for getting hired by this company? If you could go back to college and start over, would you take this same path? Why or why not?

What advice would you give someone who is considering this type of job (or working for this company)?

My research indicates that an average entry-level salary range for this field is usually

Is there anyone else you'd recommend I contact for more information?

? Does this seem realistic to you?