Arrange an interview with an individual working in an occupation/career that you wish to pursue. Send a thank you note to the professional who spoke with you about their occupation.

1) What kinds of skills do you see as important for success in this type of occupation?

2) What attracted you to this area of work? What do you like most or least about your work?

3) What are the biggest challenges to professionals in this field?

4) What major or academic preparation would you suggest to prepare me for this field?

5) What was your college major? Does it relate to your present occupation? How?

6) What is the five-year outlook, in this field? What trends do you see for this kind of work in the future?

7) What abilities, experiences or personal attributes helped you to get hired?

8) What is a typical day like? A typical week?

9) What are the low and high-end earnings potential?

10) What personality characteristics make it easier to do this work well?

11) Other questions I may want answers to, are.............