

Shadowing Experience & Alumni Networking Tips

The following are some of the activities you might choose to do during the Shadowing & Networking Experience:

- Informational interview
- Observation of daily routine
- Sit in on meetings/appointments/conversations
- Tour of facilities
- Discussion of your career path
- Career advice for the student
- Meeting/speaking with your colleagues

Bellow are some ideas of what you might share with a student:

- **History of Career or Field**
How has the field evolved—past, present, and looking into the future?
- **Roles and Responsibilities**
What do you do? Whom do you work with? What do you like best about your job?
- **Personal Attributes**
What kind of personal traits, interests, and styles match this job?
- **Career Ladder**
What does the career ladder in your field look like from entry jobs to professional levels?
- **Education Requirements and Opportunities**
What is the basic education and training required for entry to professional levels?
What education or training is needed or available to advance and grow in the field?
- **Technology**
How does technology impact and serve as a tool in your job and in the field in general?
- **Related Jobs and Careers**
What other jobs and careers could you go into? What other industries or fields could you work in?
- **Your Experience**
What do you value and enjoy about your job or career? How does job or career impact being a parent or family member? as the job or career helped you make a difference in your community?
- **Finances**
How did you finance college and further education? While students may bring up a question on your salary, feel free to answer it in ways you find most appropriate.

Throughout the conversation, please keep in mind the student's developmental level – try to bring yourself back to your own entry-level period and successes and challenges you faced during that time.