



Preparing Students for a Class Shadow Experience

A class shadow is similar to a job shadow but it occurs in a classroom setting at a college or vocational training program. Preparing students for a class shadow experience allows them to gain background knowledge and gives them time to develop meaningful questions. Below are some examples of questions students can ask currently enrolled students or instructors before or after they complete the class shadow.

Questions for Currently Enrolled Students:

- Classroom Questions:
 - What do you like best about how this professor teaches?
 - What helps you with being successful in this class?
 - How often and what kind of work do you have to complete?
 - How are assignments graded?
 - How long do you typically have to study outside of class time each week for this class?

- College experience questions:
 - Why did you pick this college?
 - What is your favorite thing about this college?
 - Where is your favorite place to study?
 - What was your freshman experience like?
 - What would you change about your college experience?
 - What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
 - What was your housing experience like freshman year?
 - What is your experience with the services and supports available for students? (tutoring, gym, counseling, etc.)



Questions for the Instructor:

- What is your favorite part of teaching at this college?
- What courses do you typically teach?
- What technology is used in the classroom?
- Are any community experiences required for classes?
- What is the average size of classes?
- Are there opportunities for group work or class discussions?
- How do students request accommodations?
- How do you support students who get accommodations?