Questions for Interview with School Psychologist

Prior to arriving to the interview day, applicants must interview a school psychologist and ask the following questions:

* What is your educational background (undergrad and grad: place and degree)?
* What is your career background (other jobs held)?
* What is a typical day for you?
* About how many evaluations do you complete per year?
* About how many parent or teacher meetings do you attend yearly?
* Do you consider yourself to be special education personnel? Does the staff consider you special education personnel?
* How much consultation do you do? Would you like to do more?
* What are the characteristics of a good school psychologist?
* What is the hardest part of your job?
* What is the most rewarding part of your job?
* Did your program adequately prepare you for the work you do as a school psychologist? If not, what was lacking?
* What is your most memorable moment as a school psychologist?
* If you could change your job, how would you change it?
* What recommendations would you have for someone just starting out in a school psychology program?
* In your opinion, what is the biggest issue facing the field of school psychology today?

On the interview day, the applicants must provide a written summary of the interview and be prepared to discuss the similarities and differences between the school psychologist’s responses and the UT school psychology program philosophy, objectives, curriculum, etc. After all interviews are complete, applicants will be notified of the decision of the admission committee.