

PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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The following is a list of typical questions that you might be asked during an interview for admission to physical therapy programs. Read through the questions and prepare appropriate answers that reflect your experiences and knowledge. Be sure to include specific examples from "real life" experiences, including internship(s), in your answers. To gain further practice with interviewing, contact the University Career Center to schedule a mock interview.

1. When did you become interested in pursuing a career in physical therapy? Was there an event in your personal life that directed you toward this profession?
2. If you have had any clinical experience, what is your most memorable experience and why?
3. How would you handle a patient who isn't doing their exercises?
4. Why are you interested in our program?
5. Give an example of a time when a conflict arose in a group you were working with and how you handled the situation.
6. Tell me about a time you had a lot on your plate and how you handled it.
7. As you know, admission to our program is highly competitive. What do you plan to do if you are not accepted at this time?
8. How would you handle a patient whose expectations for treatment outcome were unrealistic?
9. What characteristics do you have that will make you a successful physical therapist?
10. Describe a time you had to overcome a challenge.