

SOCIAL WELFARE

PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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The following is a list of typical questions that you might be asked during an employment interview for a social work position. 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 your practicum(s) and internship(s), in your answers. To gain further practice with interviewing, contact the University Career Center to schedule a mock interview.

1. What personal qualities do you have that will make you a successful social worker?
2. What did you like best about your practicum experience? Least?
3. Can you tell me what is unique about the strengths perspective and how you have used it with clients?
4. Tell me about a time when you made a positive impact on someone.
5. How do you keep up with new developments in the field of social work?
6. How do you evaluate a client's progress?
7. Describe a situation in which you had to work with a client you did not like. How did you handle it?
8. Describe a major problem at work you have faced. How did you deal with it?
9. Tell me about a time when you had to confront an irate client or client's family member. How did you handle the situation?
10. What is the most frustrating experience you have had as a social worker and how did you handle it?