



SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Questions Frequently Asked by an Interviewer

Tell me about yourself.

What made you decide to become a nurse?

What do you think it takes to be a good nurse?

Why do you want to work here?

Give an example of a time when you worked effectively as part of a team.

What was your worst subject within the nursing curriculum? Why?

Tell me about an accomplishment of which you are proud.

How do you use evidence-based practice in the clinical setting?

How would you handle a conflict between co-workers?

What is your strongest skill in working with patients?

I see that you didn't take any summer jobs related to nursing. Why not?

Describe a difficult decision you've made and the factors and steps involved in reaching it.

Tell me about a time when you made a mistake during a clinical rotation.

How do you handle stress at work?

What do you do beyond the classroom and clinical setting to increase your nursing knowledge?

Why should we hire you?

Tell me about the most difficult patient you have had.

Describe a time when you did more than you had to for a patient.

Describe a time when you felt that a group project member was not contributing enough.

Tell about a time when you were unsafe in your nursing practice.

Tell me about a time when you felt misunderstood.

Tell me about your most critically ill patient in clinical.

What would a clinical instructor of yours say are your greatest strengths? Your weakness?

Describe a time when your day didn't go as planned and you had to change your nursing plan.

What has been the most significant thing in nursing that you have learned so far and how have you applied it outside of nursing?

Tell about a time when you had to think quickly when working with a patient.

On group projects do you see yourself as more of a leader or a follower?

What are your long term goals?

What's your five year plan?

How do you balance your clinical relationship with patients with the compassion you must exhibit in order to be an effective health care professional?

Describe a time you strengthened a relationship by using communication.

Describe a time you had to be assertive with a patient in order to provide the necessary care for him.

Name one thing you do not like to do at clinical.

Questions to Consider Asking an Interviewer

What are your expectations of new hires during their first six months on the job?

What do you anticipate will be my greatest challenge in this position?

How would you describe the working relationship between physicians and nurses here?

How would you describe the culture of the unit on which I would work?

What do you like most about working here?