

Potential questions for a graduate school interview (physical therapy)

General:

1. Can you tell us a little about yourself?
2. What made you decide to apply to (*insert name of institution*)?
3. What made you choose a doctoral program over a master's program? (Or, what made you choose a master's program over a doctoral program?)
4. There are many health- and help-related careers you could pursue. Why are you interested in PT?
5. What area/type of physical therapy do you plan to pursue? (Or what populations do you would you like to work with?)
6. What can you offer to the graduate program and/or the profession?

Assessment of your preparation for graduate school:

7. What strengths and skills do you possess to become a successful physical therapist?
8. What courses did you take that helped prepare you for PT?
9. What kind of volunteer or clinical/hands-on experience do you have?
10. What did you learn from your clinical experience?
11. Can you tell us about any experiences you've had working with diverse populations?
12. How familiar are you with the professional organizations in the field? (Or how familiar are you with the American Physical Therapy Association?)

Personality/temperament questions:

13. What could you work on to improve as a student or practitioner?
14. Can you speak about a time you struggled during your undergraduate program or in your clinical experience and how you overcame it?
15. What do you think your biggest challenge will be in graduate school?
16. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Ethical, philosophical & current issues types of questions

17. In your opinion, what is the most important quality for a physical therapist to have?
18. What do you think is the most challenging aspects of being a physical therapist?
19. How do you see physical therapy evolving in the next ten years?

Usually the last question:

20. Do you have any questions for us?

Questions from:

<http://www.samford.edu/groups/cardev/medquestions.html>

http://www.niu.edu/CareerServices/handouts/PT_Interview_Questions.pdf

<http://www.sru.edu/pages/11508.asp#PT>

http://healthprofessions.calpoly.edu/interview_questions/physical_therapy.html