

40 Example Questions for the PT Program Interview



General Questions

- 1 Tell us about yourself.
- 2 Why are you interested in physical therapy versus other health-related fields?
- 3 Which patient population would you want to work with?
- 4 Which population would you want to work with?
- 5 What are your main motivations for pursuing a PT degree?
- 6 What are your main motivations?
- 7 How do you define success in your life?
- 8 Have you taken any physical therapy-related courses?

Experience and Knowledge Questions

- 9 Which physical therapy-related courses have you taken?
- 10 Of those courses, which one was your favorite and why?
- 11 How did your undergraduate degree prepare you for an advanced PT education?
- 12 What kind of clinical experience do you have?
- 13 Tell me about your shadowing or volunteer experiences.
- 14 What did you learn from your clinical or shadowing experiences?

- 15 Describe an experience working with a diverse group of people.
- 16 What skills and strengths do you have that would make you a successful physical therapist?
- 17 What do you do when you don't understand a concept in a class?
- 18 How familiar are you with the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), and how do you feel about its mission statement?
- 19 Have you observed or worked for a physical therapist?

Personality Questions

- 20 What do you believe will be your biggest challenges in graduate school?
- 21 How do you handle stress?
- 22 How would you describe your work ethic?
- 23 Can you describe a challenging situation you experienced during your undergraduate program and how you overcame it?
- 24 Can you provide an example of a time you needed to resolve a conflict?
- 25 Can you tell us about a big goal that you accomplished?
- 26 How do you collaborate with others?
- 27 Can you describe a time when you had to think outside the box?
- 28 What would make you a great physical therapist?
- 29 Where do you see yourself in five years?

Ethical and Current Issues Questions

- 30 What would you do if you saw one of your classmates cheating on an exam?
- 31 What are some of the most significant challenges in a physical therapy career?
- 32 How would you handle a situation where your patient isn't improving?
- 33 How do you approach delivering challenging or bad news?
- 34 What path would you pursue if not accepted into a PT graduate program?
- 35 In your opinion, what is the most critical quality of a physical therapist?
- 36 How would you handle a situation where your patient isn't progressing?
- 37 How would you handle [another example situation]?

PT Program-Specific Questions

- 38 What made you decide to apply to [School]'s physical therapy program?
- 39 What can you offer to our graduate program and the physical therapy profession?
- 40 What do you expect to learn while in the program?

Questions for Interviewer

- 1 Are there any extracurricular activities available for students to participate in?
- 2 Does your program provide academic support services?
- 3 What do the research opportunities look like within your program?
- 4 How involved are [School]'s PT alumni?
- 5 How does the program support students in creating professional connections?
- 6 How would the program help me transition into my career post-grad?

