



INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS



- How did you decide on a career in psychology?
- Describe your own strengths, particularly those that will help you to excel in counseling, therapy, or advocacy.
- In communicating, people's gestures or verbal cues can give us information. Give me an example of how your interpretation of verbal or non-verbal behavior has helped you.
- Tell me about a time when you were able to make someone feel comfortable when dealing with a difficult situation.
- What are you looking for in a psychology internship?
- What are your goals for the internship year?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses as a clinician? As a tester? As a supervisor? As a diagnostician?
- What do you plan to do once you have finished your training?
- What do you look for in supervision?
- What is your theoretical orientation?
- What are your specific clinical interests?
- What are your research interests? Tell me about your research project/honors thesis or independent study.
- What are your hobbies, avocations, favorite books, and interests outside of psychology?
- What do you think it would be like working in a ... (fill in whatever is relevant to the site, such as inpatient unit, emergency room)? What's your worst fear about working on a locked, inpatient ward?

Case presentation tips

Be prepared to answer questions on the intake and testing reports you've submitted with your application.

- In addition to the cases discussed in the intake and testing reports submitted with your application, have two cases ready to present in a somewhat structured format.
- Prepare cases that are relevant to the work you would be doing at the internship (e.g., child, adult, family).
- Try to choose cases that will naturally allow you to answer to the following questions:
 - What would you have done differently with this case?
 - What did you think went well with this case?
 - What diagnosis did you give the patient, and why?

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