

# INTERVIEW QUESTIONS OCCUPATIONAL/PHYSICAL THERAPY

## ABOUT YOU

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. What are your two best points?
3. What are your two weakest points?
4. What are three things you want to change about yourself?
5. How do you handle conflict?
6. Explain your leadership/research/volunteer experiences.
7. What extracurricular activities are you engaged in?
8. Which of your college courses interested you the most?
9. What interests you outside of Occupational/Physical Therapy and getting into Occupational/Physical Therapy School?
10. What do you do in your spare time?
11. Why did you choose the undergraduate school you went to, and if you could, would you do anything differently?
12. What course was most academically challenging for you?
13. What life experiences have made you a better person?

## ABOUT THE PROFESSION

1. Explain the role of an Occupational/Physical Therapist.
2. What do you feel are the most important qualities in being a good Occupational/Physical Therapist?
3. What opportunities have you had to observe an Occupational/Physical Therapist?
4. What did you like/dislike about the Occupational/Physical Therapy offices you have observed?
5. There are many specializations in Occupational/Physical Therapy, which specializations are you more interested in and why?
6. Provide an example of a time that you had to make an ethical decision. What was the situation and what did you do?

## ABOUT YOUR GOALS

1. Why do you want to be an Occupational/Physical Therapist?
2. When did you decide Occupational/Physical Therapy was a good career choice for you?
3. What steps have you taken to confirm that you want to be an Occupational/Physical Therapist?
4. How will you handle the stress of Occupational/Physical Therapy school?
5. Why do you believe you have the ability to undertake the study and work involved in Occupational/Physical Therapy school?
6. What steps have you taken to acquaint yourself with the role of an Occupational/Physical Therapist?
7. What aspects of your life experiences do you think makes you a good candidate for Occupational/Physical Therapy school?
8. Outside of Occupational/Physical Therapy school, did you ever consider any other health profession?
9. Where do you see yourself in five/ten years?
10. What would you like to do if you are not accepted into Occupational/Physical Therapy school?

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

1. What do you look for in a good Occupational/Physical Therapy program?
2. Why do you want to attend this Occupational/Physical Therapy program?
3. How are you a match for this Occupational/Physical Therapy program?
4. What schools did you apply to and why?
5. Describe your method of learning. How does this fit with the Occupational/Physical Therapy program?
6. Why should this Occupational/Physical Therapy program choose you over other candidates?

## CURRENT ISSUE/SCENARIO QUESTIONS

1. If you walked into a hospital room to work with a patient and they wanted to wait until a TV program was over, how would you handle the situation?
2. You have a patient whose English skills needs some improvement and you do not speak their language, how do you overcome the language barrier to assist them with their needs?
3. How have you/would you respond to someone who was verbally hostile towards you?
4. Describe a difficult challenge you had to help someone overcome, and how did you motivate them to overcome it?
5. From shadowing Occupational/Physical Therapy practitioners, how should an ideal Occupational/Physical Therapy team function?
6. A patient you have been giving treatments to for three months requests to add you on your personal Facebook/Instagram page. What would you do?
7. One of your patients is a teenager who you noticed has taken a picture of another patient going through treatments. You realize this could be a breach of privacy to your other patient. How would you address the situation to the teenager?
8. One of your coworkers is documenting treatments for a patient when you notice they do not have everything documented correctly. You think to yourself this may be due to the fact that the patients' health insurance does not cover all the treatments. What would you do in this situation?

## USE THE STAR TECHNIQUE

<b>Situation or Task</b>	Describe the situation that you were in or the task that you needed to accomplish. You must describe a specific event or situation, not a generalized description of what you have done in the past. Be sure to give enough detail for the interviewer to understand. This situation can be from a previous job, from a volunteer experience, or any relevant event.
<b>Action you took</b>	Describe the action you took and be sure to keep the focus on you. Even if you are discussing a group project or effort, describe what you did — not the efforts of the team. Don't tell what you might do, tell what you did.
<b>Results you achieved</b>	What happened? How did the event end? What did you accomplish? What did you learn?

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