

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Personal/Professional

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. How did you become interested in psychology? How did you become interested in (specific interest area)?
3. What would you be doing if you were not in psychology?
4. What are your personal strengths and weaknesses? What have you done to deal with your shortcomings?
5. What are your goals after graduate school? In 5 years? 10 years?
6. What do you have to contribute to us?
7. Why should we accept you over other equally qualified candidates?
8. What do you do in your spare time? To relax?
9. Tell me about your interest in this area (geography)?
10. Why did you choose this career path?

Research

1. What are your research interests? How did you get interested in this topic?
2. Did you do an undergraduate honors thesis? Tell me about it.
3. What is the clinical relevance of your research?

Assessment

1. Tell me about an assessment instrument with which you feel competent.
2. Opinion of projective testing (e.g., Rorschach)
3. Opinion of objective testing (e.g., MMPI-2)
4. What further assessment training or experiences do you want/need?

Therapy

1. What do you think would be your greatest strength as a therapist?
2. What about clinical work do you enjoy most/least?
3. What is your theoretical orientation? What do you think of _____ approach?
4. What are the challenges you expect to face as a therapist?
5. What is your experience with individual/couples/family/group/inpatient/etc. treatment?
6. What are your clinical interest areas?

Diversity

1. With what multicultural or diverse populations have you worked?
2. What are your strengths and weaknesses in working with minorities?
3. What variables/issues are of concern to you in working with specific populations?
4. What reading/didactic experiences influence the way you think about diverse populations?

Recruiting/ Interest & Fit

1. Why are you interested in our program? Why are you applying to this particular program?
2. How do you see our program fitting with your career goals?
3. Why do you think you are a "fit" for our program?
4. Which of your interest areas are (not) addressed by our program?
5. With which faculty member would you most like to work?
6. What are the advantages to you of this program?
7. What worries you about coming to this program?
8. What might you not get at this program that you want?
9. What are your feelings about coming to this state?
10. What do you think of the program now that you've heard more about it?

Other

1. What else would you like me to know about you that isn't apparent from your CV?
2. What is the #1 question you would like me to ask you?