

Top Travel Physical Therapist Interview Questions

General Interview Questions

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. How might your current supervisor or coworkers describe you?
3. What is your biggest strength as a travel PT?
4. What is your biggest weakness as a travel PT?
5. Why do you want to work here?
6. Where do you see yourself in five years?
7. What made you want to become a travel physical therapist?
8. What do you enjoy most about being a travel PT?
9. What do you know about our company?
10. How soon can you start?
11. What hours can you work?
12. What is the most difficult part of your job?
13. Why would you be a good fit to work here?
14. Tell me about the patients and/or services you've previously worked with.
15. How do you motivate your patients?
16. How do you encourage patients to continue treatment?
17. How do you handle it when patients refuse therapy?
18. What do you find are the most successful methods to track patient progress?
19. Tell me about your most challenging case/s and the therapies you used.
20. Tell me about your best, most rewarding experience with a patient.
21. Which patient has affected you most? Why?
22. When was a time you had to deal with a disagreement with another clinician? How did you handle it? How do you resolve conflict with PTAs?
23. How do you set expectations and provide status updates to patients and their family members?
24. Have you ever had a patient suddenly become upset, distressed, or agitated with you? How did you deal with it, or how would you?
25. Do you have any skills, abilities, or other areas that you feel would benefit from additional training or education?

26. Have you had any experience navigating cultural differences with patients?
27. Have you ever been unfamiliar with a new patient's diagnosis? What did you do?
28. How would you handle it if a patient or their family complained about your work?
29. Tell me about a time you took the lead in a challenging situation.

Experience and Background Questions

30. How do you assess and diagnose patients' conditions?
31. How do you develop patient treatment plans?
32. How many clients have you worked with?
33. What does being part of a team mean to you?
34. What does patient success mean to you? How is it best measured?
35. Are there any conditions you don't feel comfortable treating with physical therapy?
36. How do you approach different patient populations differently? What specific challenges have you noticed?
37. What is the most typical injury your patients have?
38. How do you structure sessions with patients?
39. Do you have any special interests within physical therapy?
40. What is your experience like at different facilities?
41. Do you have experience in long-term care?
42. Tell me about your priorities when considering movement disorders.
43. What is most stressful about your job? How do you handle stress/practice coping skills?
44. What is/was a typical day like at your current or previous position?
45. What made you choose physical therapy instead of a different health profession?
46. What conditions have you successfully treated?
47. How do you stay up-to-date on best practices?
48. What are the goals of the clinic this year?

Experience and Background Questions

49. What are the main tasks and responsibilities of this job?
50. What skills do I need to be successful here?
51. How is job performance measured?
52. What are some common challenges for physical therapists at this facility?
53. In this position, what would you say is the difference between a good physical therapist and a great physical therapist?
54. Is there potential for individual growth and opportunities to pursue certifications?
55. What does a typical day look like in this role?
56. Why is this position open?
57. Is there time dedicated to documentation?
58. How many patients will I see daily?
59. How long is each patient slot?
60. What are the most common assessments used in the clinic?
61. What is the general patient population?
62. What is the typical patient length of stay?
63. Do you use PT aides?
64. Does the clinic/facility offer mentorship?
65. Questions for you to ask during the interview
66. How collaborative are the staff?
67. How many travelers are at this facility? Have any of them extended?
68. What does job turnover look like here?
69. How many days of orientation are there, and how are travelers transitioned into the team?
70. Is there time specifically dedicated to documentation?
71. Is there a possibility for an extension with this assignment?