Possible Interview Questions

Why did you apply to our site?

What are your goals for internship?

What is your dissertation and what stage are you at?

Tell us about a case that went well, that did not go well, that was really challenging, or just tell us how you conceptualized something.

Tell us about a time when you disagreed with or had a conflict with a supervisor.

Tell us about an ethical dilemma you encountered and how you dealt with it.

What kinds of supervision have you had and what style works well for you?

What are your strengths as a therapist?

What are your clinical weaknesses?

Tell us about yourself.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Talk about your theoretical orientation or therapeutic style.

How did you decide on a career in psychology?

What are your interests outside of psychology?

Which of our electives/rotations appeals to you and why?

What are your specific clinical interests?

In what ways have your doctoral program, faculty, and fellow students prepared you to be a competent and responsible intern?

What assessments you have done?

What further assessment training do you need?

What type of client is most difficult for you to work with? What type of feelings do you have towards such clients? How do these feelings interfere with treatment?

Questions for Interviewers

What is a typical day like for an intern here?

What is the division of assessment/therapy/research/didactics in a typical week?

What are you looking for in an intern?

What is the relationship between psychology and other disciplines here?

Can you tell me more about rotations?

How are rotations assigned?

What are the documentation requirements like at this site?

What theoretical orientations are represented in your program? Which is most strongly represented?

What types of things do people who work here do after internship?

What kinds of changes in the program will be happening in the coming year?

What's the dress code like?

May I ask for your business card?

Questions for Current Interns

What was the one thing that made you think highly of this internship over other places you interviewed?

What was the most difficult thing to adjust to when you first started internship?

What rotations have you completed so far; which are you doing now; which one do you like the most?

How is your relationship with your supervisor?

What is the quality of supervision provided? Do you get enough?

Do you feel that this site is preparing you for post-internship plans?

What is a typical workday and workweek like so I can get an idea of the time management needed?

Do you feel supported by the faculty here?