

Sue's Interview



1. Sue, will you tell me something about yourself?

Sue's Sample Answer: "I became interested in medical careers in high school. I heard a person from the hospital talk about working in a hospital. I took a course for medical assistant while I was in high school. My favorite part of the course was the internship. It was in the lab at the hospital. I earned an "A" in that class. That's when I knew I wanted a career as a lab technician. Since high school, I have been taking medical classes at the community college. I've had lab experience in my classes. I have been working part-time at the college medical center. I have done well in my classes and in my job at the medical center. Now, I want to use my skills and work in a hospital."

2. What experience have you had?

Sue's Sample Answer: "I have worked part-time in the medical center at the community college. In this job I take vital signs of patients, write information on medical charts, prepare patients for the exam and assist the doctor. I also have had hands-on experience during training in high school and college. During high school I completed a medical assistant course where I had an internship in a hospital lab. I learned to draw blood, give shots and take vital signs. In my college labs, I have had additional experience in these areas as well as learning CPR."

3. What strengths will you bring to this job?

Sue's Sample Answer: "I work well with people. I can help patients stay calm. I am dependable. I always get along well with my co-workers. I am also a hard worker and like to finish what I start. I have been asked to work extra shifts at the college medical center. The doctors and nurses know that I am a hard worker."

4. What are your weaknesses?

Sue's Sample Answer: "I am very concerned with doing the job right. I guess I can take more time because I check and recheck my work. I would rather work longer hours on my own time to get the job done right."

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5. Why should I hire you?

Sue's Sample Answer: "I have the training for this job. I have worked part-time in a medical center and I have completed an internship in a hospital lab. I have had excellent reviews on my job. I also earned high grades in my medical courses. I get along well with people and I am very dependable."

6. What do you plan to be doing in five years?

Sue's Sample Answer: "In five years I would like to work my way up in this hospital toward a supervisory position. I work well with people. I would like to have more responsibility in the future. I have had some training and am also interested in training others."

7. What would other people say about your work when I call for a reference?

Sue's Sample Answer: "People who work with me will tell you that I am dependable, friendly and take my work seriously. Everyone will say that I am a hard worker and loyal to the people I work with. You will also be told that I have had excellent reviews."

8. Why are you looking for this type of position?

Sue's Sample Answer: "I liked medical careers and took a medical course in high school. I decided I wanted to be a lab technician. Since high school I have been taking medical classes at the community college. I have also been working part-time at the college medical center and would now like to use my skills and get more experience by working in this hospital."



9. What sort of pay do you expect to receive?

Sue's Sample Answer: "What is the salary range for this type of position? I am very interested in this position and my salary would be negotiable."

10. What days and hours can you work?

Sue's Sample Answer: "I am available to begin working as soon as the position is available. I can work every day, any shift. I will be taking classes next semester. I would like to be able to adjust my schedule."

Analyze the Interview

Read and discuss Sue's interview by answering these five questions with your partner:

1. **What was the focus of Sue's answers?**
2. **What facts did Sue share about herself?**
3. **What skills did Sue present about herself?**
4. **What could Sue leave out or add to her answers?**
5. **How would you answer this question?**