Interview SURVIVAL Guide

Amanda Moss

Would you do anything differently if interviewed again?

I wish that I had taken the interview seriously, instead of just going there and letting it happen. I wish I had done more research beforehand.

What was the most interesting question you were asked in an interview setting?

I was asked, “What is your greatest strength?” and I had to come up with something that was meaningful to me.

What advice would you give to someone preparing for an interview?

Practice, practice, practice! Make sure you know your strengths and weaknesses and be prepared to answer questions about them.

Ellie Moreton

How many interviews did you go on before you were accepted for a role?

I went on three interviews before being accepted for a role.

What was the strangest question you were asked in an interview setting?

I was asked, “What is your favorite color?” and I had to come up with a creative answer.

What advice would you give to someone preparing for an interview?

Be prepared and practice your answers. Make sure you know what you want to say and how you want to say it.

Nicole Collins

Have you had a secure health visiting post?

Yes, I have had a secure health visiting post.

What was the strangest question you were asked in an interview setting?

I was asked, “What do you think is the most important skill for a health visitor?” and I had to come up with a creative answer.

What advice would you give to someone preparing for an interview?

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Jacky Knapman

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Yes, I have had a bad interview experience.

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Kitty Lamb

Do you think health student visitors prepare adequately for interviews?

Yes, the health student visitors I have seen prepare adequately for interviews.

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