

THE MPharm INTERVIEW PERFORMANCE GUIDE

**Think clearly. Communicate confidently.
Show your potential.**

MPharm interviews are your opportunity to demonstrate motivation, communication skills, professionalism, empathy and your potential to become a safe and responsible healthcare professional.

- **Build stronger answers.**
- **Approach ethical scenarios.**
- **Perform with confidence.**

Make every answer count.

Avoid memorising scripts. Learn to structure your own answers so your reasoning, experience and motivation come through clearly.

1. Motivation questions

- Explain your reason.
- Give a relevant example or experience.
- Reflect on what you learnt.
- Connect your learning to pharmacy.

2. Experience questions

- Situation: What was happening?
- Task: What was your responsibility?
- Action: What did you do?
- Result: What happened?
- Reflection: What did you learn, and how could this help you as a future pharmacist?

WORKED EXAMPLE / Example question

Why do you want to study pharmacy?

Basic answer: "I enjoy science and want to help people."

Strengthen it with a genuine experience, what it revealed about pharmacy and why this motivated you.

Think before you answer.

Ethical questions assess reasoning, judgement and awareness of professional responsibilities - not simply your ability to guess what an interviewer wants to hear.

- 1 Identify the main concern.
- 2 Consider the people involved and any risks.
- 3 Identify what additional information you need.
- 4 Prioritise safety, confidentiality and appropriate professional boundaries.
- 5 Explain your next steps, including when you would seek guidance or escalate concerns.

PRACTICE SCENARIO

A patient shares sensitive information with you and asks you not to tell anyone. How would you respond?

Consider empathy, confidentiality, potential risk and the importance of seeking appropriate guidance.

REMEMBER

You do not need to know everything. Explain your reasoning, recognise your limits and show that you would seek appropriate support.

The appropriate response depends on the context. Do not promise absolute confidentiality in every situation.

Your final preparation checklist.

- ✓ Research the university and its interview format.
- ✓ Understand why you want to study pharmacy.
- ✓ Prepare genuine examples of teamwork, communication and responsibility.
- ✓ Practise answering questions aloud.
- ✓ Review basic professional and ethical principles.
- ✓ Listen carefully and ask for clarification if needed.
- ✓ Explain your reasoning instead of rushing to an answer.
- ✓ Be honest about what you know and where you need guidance.

PRACTICE CHALLENGE

Practise answering: What qualities make a good pharmacist, and how have you demonstrated one of them?

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