

Speech Pathology Clinical Interview Questions

- Describe some of the cognitive deficits you might see in a patient with traumatic brain injury?
- 2. What is the difference between dysarthria and apraxia?
- 3. What are the components of a bedside swallowing evaluation?
- 4. When might a Modified Barium Swallow study be warranted for a patient?
- 5. Describe a time when you conducted an assessment for a neurogenic communication disorder.
- 6. What assessment tools have you used to evaluate cognitive disorders?
- 7. What would you do if you witnessed your supervisor making an unethical decision?
- 8. In what areas do you feel you need the most supervision?
- 9. What types of patients are most difficult for you to work with and why?
- 10. Where do you see yourself working after you graduate?
- 11. What are some of the reasons you would like to do your clinical internship here?
- 12. Tell me about a time you had a difficult clinical situation. What happened and what did you learn?
- 13. We have numerous candidates we are considering. What makes you unique and what are some reasons we should select you?
- 14. Tell us about a time when you had to use your counseling skills in a therapeutic situation. Please describe your level of confidence regarding applying counseling skills with patients in critical care type situations.
- 15. What are the similarities and differences between formal and informal test batteries and assessment tools? Which do you prefer and why?
- 16. Describe your experience in working on a team.
- 17. How would you handle a situation if you disliked the patient? Do you think patients receive quality care regardless of the clinician's feelings?
- 18. What do you think is the biggest issue in the field of Speech Pathology today?
- 19. How would the results from informal and formal test batteries and assessments be different in a left versus a right hemisphere cerebrovascular accident (CVA)?
- 20. What are your experiences using oral motor approach to improve speech clarity?
- 21. Tell us why you would like to do your clinical internship here?

Interview Questions continued

- 22. Describe your approach to assessing and treating a patient with a cognitive disorder.
- 23. What do you think you will find most challenging about assessing a patient with a swallowing disorder?
- 24. Tell us about your experience documenting assessment results and treatment outcomes?
- 25. Describe to me your best therapy session.
- 26. What excites you most about Speech therapy?
- 27. What experience have you had assessing and treating patients/clients with neurogenic communication disorders?
- 28. Describe the importance of work/life balance and how do you foresee that balance being during a demanding clinical internship like this one?
- 29. Tell us about your conflict management skills.
- 30. In what ways will this internship be similar and different from previous experiences you have had?
- 31. Describe for me your graduate education program and experience.
- 32. What is the role of the family during the assessment process?
- 33. What characteristics do you have that will make you a successful clinical intern?
- 34. How would you handle a patient whose expectations for treatment outcome were unrealistic?
- 35. Tell me about yourself and your career goals?