Pre-Mock Interview Questionnaire

Master’s in Nursing

Type in the shaded boxes. Save your completed PDF before returning it to your WSA counsellor.

Full name	
University	
Full course title	
Course start date	
Interview date, if known	
Interview time and time zone, if known	
Interview purpose	

Purpose of the interview

The university will explore your motivation, relevant experience, nursing values and readiness for postgraduate study. Confirm whether your course is for entry to nursing or for qualified nurses, and the interview purpose. Nursing admission and university credibility are separate assessments. If credibility or scholarship assessment is also included, use PMIQ 08 or 06 alongside this course questionnaire.

How to prepare

Before your mock, use the podcasts below. Review your invitation, official course and placement information, CV and submitted personal statement. Record the sources you use. Prepare short notes and genuine examples in your own words. Practise unexpected follow up questions without reading. Listen, answer directly and ask for clarification if needed. Use a clear point and example, then stop. Look towards the camera naturally and communicate respectfully. Protect identities and be honest about your duties and competence. Actual questions may differ.

Interview questions

01. Tell us about your education, relevant experience and any nursing qualifications or registration. Explain your actual duties, training and supervision. Distinguish clinical responsibilities from administrative or support work.

02. Why this nursing course and field, and why now? Describe an experience that influenced your decision and the knowledge or skills you need. Explain whether you are entering nursing or developing as a qualified nurse.

03. Why did you choose this university and course? Give one specific strength of the department and one feature of the course, such as a placement or simulation opportunity relevant to your field. Explain how these support your goals and name the university sources you used.

04. Explain the course structure and two modules that interest you. What would you learn, how would you be assessed and how would you apply the learning? Check what placements or practical learning the course actually includes.

05. What is the role of a nurse in your chosen field? Explain professional conduct, accountability and working with other professionals. Give an example of recognising the limits of your role.

06. Describe a time you showed compassion when caring for or supporting someone. What did the person need, what did you do and what happened? Reflect on what you learnt and what you would change.

07. A patient is anxious and has difficulty understanding you. How would you listen, adapt your communication, seek appropriate support and check understanding? Explain your reasoning and the effect of your tone and body language.

08. A patient's wishes or beliefs differ from yours. How would you respect their choices, dignity and privacy, avoid assumptions and seek guidance if there were concerns about safety? Explain your reasoning.

09. What does safeguarding mean? If you were concerned that a patient was at risk of harm, what would you do first, who would you tell and what would you record? Explain how you would work within your role and seek supervision.

10. Why are confidentiality and professional boundaries important? Give an example of when a safety concern may need to be shared, with whom and why. Explain how you would protect private information.

11. Describe teamwork under pressure and your own contribution. If asked to perform a task beyond your training or competence, how would you respond, obtain qualified help and raise an unresolved safety concern? Explain what you learnt.

12. You have an assignment deadline, practical learning commitments and concerns about your wellbeing. How would you prioritise, plan and seek support? Explain how you would communicate difficulties and use supervision or feedback.

13. What nursing role or area of practice do you intend to pursue? Explain its responsibilities, how two course skills would help and any further training or registration steps you need to check. Do not assume the course automatically leads to professional registration.

14. What are your tuition fees and confirmed discounts? Explain who will fund the balance, living costs, accommodation and any placement travel, and the evidence available. Distinguish confirmed arrangements from estimates.

15. What two questions would you like to ask about teaching, assessment, practical learning, supervision or student support?

16. Where is your university ranked, if listed? Give the source and year. You may also mention a relevant subject or course ranking. Explain one limitation and how the ranking informed your choice alongside course fit.

17. Which universities in your home country did you genuinely consider for comparable study? Name the institutions and programmes, explain the similarities and differences, and why your chosen university better meets your academic or career objectives.

18. How would you manage your physical health, mental wellbeing and study workload while studying? Describe practical habits, sources of support and what you would do if you needed help. You do not need to disclose private medical information.

19. How could future changes in international travel affect population health and nursing? Consider two possible effects and distinguish evidence from opinion.

20. How would you maintain safe, professional care while managing fatigue or pressure? Explain when you would ask for supervision or assistance.

Ranking references (check the latest edition and whether your institution is listed):
QS World University Rankings: https://www.topuniversities.com/world-university-rankings
Times Higher Education World University Rankings:
https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings

Use genuine examples from study, work or volunteering if you have no direct care experience. Distinguish your contribution from the team's. Do not identify patients. Expect follow up questions such as "Why?", "Give an example" and "Explain that more simply". Tell your counsellor about any discrepancy in your documents.

Podcasts to use before your mock interview

Open each link in the WSA Student Support Library. Listen to the podcast and read or download its summary before completing this questionnaire. Make a note of anything you would like to discuss with your counsellor.

WSA 026 UK University Credibility Interview

https://www.worldstudentadvisors.com/student-support-library/uk-university-credibility-interview

Use the general advice on clear answers alongside your nursing interview instructions. Prepare separately for nursing values, scenarios and any group tasks or practical assessments.

WSA 010 Personal Statement Guide

https://www.worldstudentadvisors.com/student-support-library/personal-statement-guide

Review your submitted statement so you can explain your motivation for nursing, relevant experience and career plans using genuine examples.

WSA 002 Cost of Studying Abroad

https://www.worldstudentadvisors.com/student-support-library/cost-of-studying-abroad

Prepare your tuition fee and living cost figures, including accommodation and any placement travel, and explain how they will be funded.

Before your mock, prepare examples of compassion, dignity and professional conduct. Be ready to explain safeguarding, confidentiality, your career plans and practical arrangements in your own words.