

Nurse Nelle

This list is a culmination of interview questions that I've seen on blogs, workshops and have heard been asked. This is by no means a complete list, but a great overview of the questions you should be prepared for. Be sure to watch my [YouTube video](#) for more tips!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU QUESTIONS:

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. Why do you want to become a CRNA?
3. What kind of patients do you take care of?
 - a. What's your favorite and why?
4. Tell us about a typical patient, what drips would they be on?
5. Tell me about your work experience?
6. How do you describe success?
7. What does a CRNA do?
8. How do you think your role in the ICU relates to the role and responsibilities of a CRNA?
9. What would make you a successful CRNA?
10. Do you foresee any barriers to your education?
11. Tell me about a time when you had an ethical dilemma at work. What did you do?
12. What are your strengths? Weaknesses?
13. Tell me one of your greatest accomplishments?
14. Give me an example of when you showed leadership? Teamwork?
15. Give an example of community service.
16. Give an example of problem solving.
17. What would your colleagues say about you?
18. How do you handle stress?
19. Tell me about a time when you were working with someone who had a different value system than yours. How did you deal with this person?
20. Tell me about a time when you felt that you thought you were right and everyone else was wrong. What did you do?
21. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
22. Why did you choose to apply to our program? Have you applied elsewhere?
23. If you saw one of your fellow students or colleagues using drugs or cheating, what would you do?
24. How do you feel about giving up a paying job for several years?
25. What do you know about our program?
26. What have you done to develop or change in the last few years?
27. How will you be an asset to this program?
28. What do you want written on your tombstone?
29. What will you do if you do not get into this program?
30. Describe any activities or courses you have taken to help prepare you for CRNA school.



31. Who has influenced you the most?
32. Who did you shadow? Tell me about that experience.
33. What is the difference between medically directed practice vs. medically supervised practice?
34. What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the profession today?
35. Tell us in 30 seconds why we should pick you over all the other candidates?
36. How do you handle conflict or criticism?
37. How would you describe yourself in one word?
38. What don't you like about ICU nursing?
39. Tell me about a case you found challenging
 - a. Why was it challenging? And how did you handle it?

QUESTIONS TO ASK SCHOOL:

1. What do you look for in a potential student?
2. How does your program facilitate student research?
3. What support systems does your school provide for students?
4. What do you see as your school's strong points?
5. On average, how many intubations, arterial lines and central lines do students graduate with?
6. How many clinical sites do I rotate through and would I need to be concerned about competing with a resident?
7. Do you offer housing for away clinicals?
8. If I am accepted, what can I do between now and the beginning of the program to adequately prepare myself?
9. Can you describe what the classes are like?
10. What type of regional experience does your typical graduate obtain?
11. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the program?
12. How is your simulation lab utilized?
13. How many students per class?
14. Attrition rates, pass rates, etc.
15. How do you ensure your students succeed?
 - a. What kind board review prep do you provide/utilize?

CLINICAL QUESTIONS:

1. Know the following medications and receptors:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Epinephrine b. Neosynephrine c. Norepinephrine d. Milrinone e. Vasopressin f. Dopamine g. Dobutamine h. Nitroprusside i. Nicardipine 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> j. Nitroglycerine k. Esmolol l. Metoprolol m. Fentanyl n. Versed o. Propofol p. Precedex q. Atropine r. Digoxin
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- s. Amiodarone
 - t. Lidocaine
 - u. Cardizem
 - v. Levophed
 - w. Heparin
 - x. Paralytics
2. How to float a swan
 - a. Waveforms and all pressures
 - b. Calculating CO, SVR, etc.
 3. ACLS/BLS
 - a. H's and T's
 4. EKG interpretation
 - a. Heart Blocks
 5. ABG interpretation and treatments
 6. Ventilation
 - a. Weaning
 - b. Minute Ventilation
 - c. PEEP, Modes & Modifications
 7. Dead Space vs. Shunt
 8. Coronary blood flow
 9. DKA, DI, DIC
 10. All types of shock
 11. Frank Starling law
 12. Cardioversion vs. Defibrillation
 13. Drugs that can be given via ETT
 14. IABP
 15. ECMO
 16. PE, cardiac tamponade
 17. ICP and what affects it
 18. Sepsis
 19. Complications from blood transfusion
 20. 5 basics of drug administration
 21. Difference between vasopressors and beta agonists
 22. Scenarios based on your specific ICU experience
 - a. Ex: recovering a heart, liver transplants, surgical case and drips involved

