



Interview Questions with Students

1. Tell me about yourself. What is your work style like?
2. Why are you interested in doing an internship/practicum at the Northern Kentucky Health Department [*Add, if needed*] in the _____ Division?
3. What do you hope to accomplish and learn during an internship/practicum?
4. Tell me about the strengths you would bring to an internship/practicum experience.
5. What is one of the more important decisions you have made? Tell us how you went about making that decision and what you learned from this decision-making process. (Wait for reply.) In retrospect, would you do anything differently?
6. I'd like you to describe a situation or activity when you felt really motivated or inspired about something you were doing at work or school and describe your role.
7. Give me an example of a particularly difficult situation you have been in and tell me how you handled it. (Wait for reply.) In retrospect, would you have done anything differently?
8. What skills and abilities do you believe a public health professional should have and why?
9. I'd like to tell you about the project(s) we have in mind. (Describe activities, goals, and deliverables. Give yourself and the student the opportunity to discuss potential projects and the student's required learning objectives.) How does this fit with your practicum expectations?
10. If you are selected for this practicum experience, when could you start? How many hours per week would you be available for this practicum?
11. Is there anything else we haven't covered that you would like to discuss?

Note to the Preceptor: If this is the only student you need to interview for a particular learning experience and you want to move forward with this student, finalize the project(s), start/end dates, work days/hours and supervision schedule. Inform the student that Louise Kent will be in touch to arrange orientation; then notify Louise of your decision. If you are undecided or if there are other students you need to interview for a learning experience, thank the student for coming in for the interview, and let him/her know Louise will be in touch soon with a decision.