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1. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the situation and outcome?
2. Share an effective method you have used to determine realistic rehabilitation goals for patients.
3. Tell me about an effective occupational therapy program which you planned, organize, and/or conducted.
4. Name a time when your advice to management led to an improvement in your company or otherwise helped your employer.
5. Please share with me an example of how you helped coach or mentor someone. What improvements did you see in the person's knowledge or skills?
6. Describe an experience in which you identified the educational needs of your students and successfully developed a way to teach/train them.
7. What is the key to success when communicating with the public.
8. Describe a time when you successfully provided personal assistance to a coworker or patron.
9. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.
10. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the candidate has open lines of communication.)
11. Tell me about a recent experience you've had working with your hands.
12. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.
13. What are some long-range objectives that you developed in your last job? What did you do to achieve them?
14. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?

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15. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?
16. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best
solution to a problem.
17. Would you consider analyzing data or information a strength? How so?
18. In your experience, what is the key to ensuring your company was compliant with all laws, regulations and
standards that were applicable to your area of responsibility?
19. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach
affected your company?
20. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you
respond?
21. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine
which information was relevant?
22. Provide an experience in which your ability to actively find ways to help people improved your company
or your own work ethic.
23. Please share an experience in which you presented to a group. What was the situation and how did it go?
24. Provide an experience in which you were sensitive to somone's needs or feelings. How did your
helpfulness affect your work environment?
25. Provide an example when your ethics were tested.
26. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the
candidate is dependable.)
27 Provide an example when you were able to prevent a problem because you foresaw the reaction of another

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person.
28. Name a time when you identified strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions to problems. What was
the impact?
29. How would you rate your writing skills? (Ask for an example that demonstrates great writing skills.)
30. Provide a time when you worked in a rapidly evolving workplace. How did you deal with the change?
(Make sure the candidate is flexible.)