

AGACNP Admissions Interview Preparedness

Purpose of the Admissions Interview

The purpose of the admissions interview is to allow program faculty the opportunity to identify the prospective student's academic, professional, and personal readiness for advanced practice and doctoral education; and to provide the prospective student an opportunity to demonstrate one's professional presence, communication skills, interpersonal skills, the ability to articulate one's readiness for the selected APRN role and doctoral education, and one's alignment with the academic program's vision, mission, and core values. The interview will also provide the prospective student an opportunity to ask program faculty questions or concerns about the academic program.

General Guidelines

1. Dress in business or business casual attire with an overall neat and groomed appearance.
2. Arrive early to ensure adequate time for parking and navigation to required location.
3. Be prepared by reviewing resources provided or others found related to the education you are pursuing.
 - a. <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/dnp-home>
 - b. <http://www.nonpf.org/?page=14>
 - c. <https://www.aanp.org/education/student-resource-center>
4. Prepare questions ahead of time that you may have for the interviewing faculty.

Possible Interview Questions

The questions below are examples of questions and are not limited to this list.

Academic Preparedness

- What was the last clinical or research article you have read related to nursing practice?
- What area of practice would you like to become expert in? Why?
- What topics or areas in healthcare are you motivated to improve? Why?
- What skills do you anticipate using from a doctoral education in advanced nursing practice?
- What strategies do you use to learn difficult content?

Professional Preparedness

- What are major trends occurring in advanced practice nursing?
- What do you think about _____ (current event in advanced practice nursing)?
- Are there current events troubling you? How could you resolve this conflict?
- What responsibility do you anticipate having to healthcare consumers, the community-at-large, or nursing profession upon graduation, licensure, and certification? Give specific examples/details.
- What are your short- and long-term goals for professional practice?

Personal Preparedness

- How would you rate yourself on a scale from 0-5 in the following:
 - Reading & comprehension/ Analytical skills
 - Communication skills (e.g. oral, written, listening)
 - Time management skills/ Organizational skills/ Flexibility
- What kind of support will you need to successfully complete the program? Be specific.
- What strategies do you use to reduce or cope with stress?
- How did you accomplish working with an individual with different/conflicting values, beliefs, or personality characteristics than you? Be specific.
- How would you define leadership?
- What strategies do you use to adapt to change?