

# Western University Interview Questions

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***REMEMBER: Show enthusiasm, use powerful words, talk slowly***

- **Tell us about a time you had a conflict with someone and how you solved it.**
- **Tell us about a time when people relied on you.**
- **Tell us about a time when you either underestimated/overestimated/failed at a situation and how you overcame it.**
- **Describe a situation when you had to solve a problem creatively.**
- **What do you want to do with an advanced degree and a DVM?**
- **Describe a situation where not everything turned out as you had planned and how you responded.**
- **Describe a situation where you did not know how to do something.**
- **What was a time when you tried to accomplish something and failed/succeeded? How were you able to overcome it?**
- **When did you experience another group member who disliked you/was angry at you, what action did you take, and what was the result?**
- **Describe a problem or challenge and how you worked through it.**
- **Describe a time you were unable to meet a deadline.**
- **What's an example of when you didn't get along with a group member/co-worker.**
- **Tell us about a time where you had to communicate to someone.**
- **Tell us about a time you attempted something and succeeded, how did you feel?**
- **Tell us about a time when something you were involved in didn't work out.**
- **Tell us about an instance where you had to work in a tense group environment.**

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- **Tell us about a job you had to do that you did not enjoy doing and how you got through it. Follow-up: do you feel you learned from that experience?**
- **Have you ever been in a new situation where you were out of your element?**
- **Have you ever done anything that you've regretted?**
- **Tell me about a policy that you had to abide to but did not agree with. What did you do?**
- **Discuss a situation in which you had to work with people you had never before met**
- **Anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself.**

### **QUESTIONS ACTUALLY ASKED OF ME IN JANUARY 2009:**

- **Tell us about a time you worked with people you were unfamiliar with**
- **Tell us about a time when you had competing priorities**
- **Tell us about a situation you wish you could have handled differently**
- **Tell us about a job you did not enjoy and what you gained from that experience**

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## KEY LIFE EVENTS

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## QUALITIES

- Failure
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- Success
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- Interpersonal Issues / Communication
  - Conflicts
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  - Communication
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- Teamwork
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- Leadership
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- Diversity
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- Problem-Solving / Adaptability
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- Stress / Time Management
  - Deadlines
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