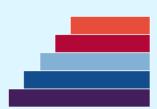
# **Interview Guide: Level 1**



This tool is designed for managers interviewing others.



This interview guide reflects the BE Standards and the foundational competencies for Level 1 roles at Penn Medicine.



Use this guide to assess a candidate for specific competencies (how the work is done) tied to a Level I role.

Name of applicant:	
Date:	
Interviewer:	

### Interview Setup

### 1) Build rapport (5 minutes)

- Welcome candidate
- Engage in small talk to make candidate feel comfortable
- Introduce yourself your title/role and length of time at Penn Medicine
- Give an overview of how the interview/day will proceed; let them know when to ask questions
- Provide candidate with an itinerary/schedule for the day

# 2) Provide an overview: (10-15 minutes)

- Penn Medicine—mission, vision, values and history
- The hiring department leadership, breakdown of staff, new enhancements, projects/initiatives, promotional opportunities
- The role/position the candidate is interviewing for
  - i. Responsibilities
  - ii. Location
- 3) Ask if there any initial questions
- 4) Ask a few general background questions: (10-20 minutes)
  - 1. Walk me through your resume.
    - i. Select one or two things you have questions about in the resume and ask the candidate to speak to those a little more.
    - ii. Why did you leave previous positions? / Why are you interested in leaving if you are still in your current position?
  - 2. Given your experiences at your current employer, what is driving your decision to explore opportunities with us?
  - 3. (Take me back to when you went to school to become a...,) What drew you to this field/specialty?
  - 4. What appeals to you about this position?
  - 5. What kind of value could you add to this position (knowledge, skills, attitude)?
  - 6. What would your supervisor say are your top three strengths?
  - 7. What would he/she identify as your main developmental areas, those things that if you could improve, would help you be more successful?
  - 8. Is there anything we should know about you that is not on your resume?
  - 9. How do you see this role fitting into your long term goals?
- 5) Transition to the behavioral based interview questions
- 6) Conclude the interview by reviewing next steps/timelines



Questions, Probes, and Anchors derived from Lominger Interview Architect Express by Korn/Ferry, Healthcare Source Leadership Assessment, and

National Institute of Health Leadership Behavioral Interview Guide

TOOLS TO BUILD A FEEDBACK RICH ENVIRONMENT AT PENN MEDICINE				
Thought	Who Asks			
<ul><li>Customer/Patient Focus</li><li>Critical Thinking/Problem Solving</li></ul>				
Results				
☐ Ensures Accountability				
People				
<ul><li>Collaborates</li><li>Communicates Effectively</li><li>Values Differences</li></ul>				
Self				
<ul><li>□ Demonstrates Self Awareness</li><li>□ Instills Trust</li></ul>				



Customer/Patient Focus: Building strong patient/customer relationships and delivering customer/patient centric solutions. Behavioral Questions (Choose one) **Probes Anchors** 1. Tell me about a time when you had If person cannot come up with an Negative... to handle a complaint from a example, ask them to think about a ✓ Thinks he/she knows what the patient/customer needs or wants former work or school experience. customer/patient (or patient's family ✓ Doesn't spend enough time or effort to building relationships with What was the situation? member). patients/customers How did you approach the ✓ Uncomfortable dealing with patients/customers 2. Tell me about a time when you situation? exceeded a patient's/customer's ✓ Doesn't know how to handle patient/customer complaints Why did you select that expectations. ✓ Thinks patients/customers are unnecessarily demanding; doesn't take the time approach? 3. Tell me about a time when you to truly understand their needs What were the results? established a relationship with a If that situation were to occur patient, patient's family or a again, how would you handle it Positive... customer and it helped you serve differently? ✓ Takes the time to understand patient/customer needs the patient or customer more What made your approach Establishes and maintains effective patient/customer relationships effectively. successful? Builds and delivers solutions that meet and exceed patient/customer What did you take away from 4. Tell me about a time when you had the situation? expectations to deal with what you thought were How have you used those unreasonable patient/customer Handles patient's/customer's complaints effectively lessons in a different situation? requests. Understands what is important to a patient/customer Can handle difficult patient/customer requests Comments:

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Critical Thinking / Problem Solving: Using thought, knowledge, logic and methods to solve problems with effective solutions.

Behavioral Questions (Choose one)	Probes	Anchors
<ol> <li>Describe the process you used to solve a complex problem that required you to work with multiple people/ groups/departments.</li> <li>Describe a time you faced a problem that had to be resolved and you weren't sure how to approach it.</li> <li>Tell me about a time when you selected a solution to a problem that didn't work the way you thought it</li> </ol>	If person cannot come up with an example, ask them to think about a former work or school experience.  What was the situation? How did you approach the situation? Why did you select that approach? What were the results? If that situation were to occur again, how would you handle it	Negative  ✓ Doesn't clearly define what the issue is to be solved  ✓ Not orderly in thinking  ✓ Impulsive; jumps to conclusions; uses favorite solutions  ✓ Lets feelings influence the solution  ✓ Doesn't involve others; relies too much on self to generate solutions  ✓ Frequently returns to re-work problems  ✓ Is overwhelmed by complex problems; prefers to work with simple problems  ✓ Force fits solution
would.  4. Tell me about a time when you found a work problem to be significantly more complex than you initially thought.	differently?  What made your approach successful?  What did you take away from the situation?  How have you used those lessons in a different situation?	Positive  ✓ Clearly defines the problem to be solved  ✓ Objectively gathers information  ✓ Can see hidden problems  ✓ Identifies key factors/themes needed to address the problem  ✓ Looks to multiple and diverse sources for information and clues  ✓ Can see eventual consequences to solutions  Defines issues/problems clearly; sought out for advice by others

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Behavioral Questions (Choose one)  Probes  Anchors				
<ol> <li>Tell me about a time you made a mistake while working with others and had to make it right.</li> <li>Tell me about a time when you we unable to follow through on a commitment.</li> <li>Tell me about a time when you had to take personal responsibility for</li> </ol>	If person cannot come up with an example, ask them to think about a former work or school experience.  What was the situation? How did you approach the situation? Why did you select that approach? What were the results?	Negative  ✓ Doesn't accept personal accountability  ✓ Prefers to share accountability with others  ✓ Doesn't see commitments through to completion  ✓ Doesn't take personal responsibility for decisions, actions, and failures  ✓ Does not monitor progress towards goals or results		
<ul><li>something that wasn't your fault.</li><li>4. Tell me about a time when it was important that you monitor and measure your progress on a task.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>If that situation were to occur again, how would you handle it differently?</li> <li>What made your approach successful?</li> <li>What did you take away from the situation?</li> <li>How have you used those lessons in a different situation?</li> </ul>	Positive  ✓ Follows through on commitments  ✓ Takes personal responsibility for decisions, actions and failures  ✓ Establishes process for monitoring and measuring results  ✓ Admits to mistakes and works to rectify them  ✓ Communicates to others when he/she is unable to follow through on a commitment and takes ownership for the outcome.		
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Collaborates: Building partnerships and working collaboratively with others to meet shared objectives. **Anchors** Behavioral Questions (Choose one) **Probes** 1. Describe a time when you had to If person cannot come up with an Negative... build partnerships to achieve shared example, ask them to think about a ✓ Misses opportunities to collaborate former work or school experience. objectives. ✓ Puts own interests before others What was the situation? ✓ Doesn't give credit where it's due 2. Describe a time when you were How did you approach the ✓ Prefers to work along rather than with others praised individually but others also situation? ✓ Doesn't build partnerships with others to accomplish goals contributed. Why did you select that 3. Tell me about a time you succeeded approach? in an initiative by collaborating with What were the results? others. If that situation were to occur Positive... again, how would you handle it 4. Tell me about a time you should ✓ Cooperates with others to achieve shared objectives differently? have collaborated with others to get ✓ Considers own interests as well as others What made your approach something done but didn't. ✓ Partners with others to get work done successful? ✓ Gives credit to others What did you take away from the situation? How have you used those lessons in a different situation? Comments: Rating: Significantly Below **Below Position** Meets Position **Exceeds Position** Significantly Exceeds Position Requirements Requirements Requirements Requirements Position Requirements



Communicates Effectively: Developing and delivering multi-mode communications that convey a clear understanding of the unique needs of different audiences.

Behavioral Questions (Choose one)	Probes	Anchors
<ol> <li>Tell me about a time when you forgot to communicate something important to someone or to a group.</li> <li>Tell me about a time you had trouble organization your thoughts but it was important you communicate them (either verbally or in writing).</li> <li>Tell me about time when you provided the appropriate</li> </ol>	If person cannot come up with an example, ask them to think about a former work or school experience.  What was the situation? How did you approach the situation? Why did you select that approach? What were the results? If that situation were to occur	Negative  ✓ Provides too much, too little or the wrong information  ✓ Doesn't consider who needs to know what and by when  ✓ May withhold information from others or uses information as a form of power  ✓ Communicates via one method only  ✓ Fails to adjust communication style  ✓ Not a clear communicator  ✓ Is a disorganized communicator  ✓ Communicates too late for anyone to do anything with the information
information to someone and it produced a positive outcome.  4. Tell me about a time when you had to vary your communication style in order to convey the same information to different audiences.	<ul> <li>again, how would you handle it differently?</li> <li>What made your approach successful?</li> <li>What did you take away from the situation?</li> <li>How have you used those lessons in a different situation?</li> </ul>	Positive  ✓ Provides the information people need to know to do their job  ✓ Attempts to adjust communication style to the audience and message  ✓ Communicates in a timely, well-organized and coherent way  ✓ Understands who needs to know what and by when and plans accordingly  ✓ Sifts out the important from the less important in terms of what needs to be communicated
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Values Differences: Recognizing the value that different perspectives and cultures bring to an organization. **Anchors** Behavioral Questions (Choose one) **Probes** 1. Tell me about a time when your If person cannot come up with an Negative... sensitivity to different example, ask them to think about a ✓ Shows no interest in different perspectives or cultures former work or school experience. ✓ Treats everyone the same without respect for differences cultures/perspectives helped you. What was the situation? ✓ Not willing to learn from those how have different backgrounds 2. Describe a time when you took the How did you approach the ✓ Stereotypes people time to learn about a new or situation? ✓ Shows no interest in understanding different culture and perspectives different culture. Why did you select that 3. Tell me about a time when you approach? learned something from someone What were the results? who was of a different background If that situation were to occur Positive... than you. again, how would you handle it ✓ Seeks to understand different cultures and perspectives differently? 4. Tell me about a time when you ✓ Sensitive to cultural norms, expectations and communication What made your approach challenged a stereotype that either ✓ Learns from others who have different perspectives successful? you or someone else held. ✓ Avoids and challenges stereotypes What did you take away from the situation? How have you used those lessons in a different situation? Comments: Rating: Significantly Below **Below Position** Meets Position **Exceeds Position** Significantly Exceeds Position Requirements Requirements Requirements Requirements Position Requirements



Demonstrates Self-Awareness: Using a combination of feedback and reflection to gain productive insight into personal strengths and weaknesses.

Behavioral Questions (Choose one) Probes		Anchors
<ol> <li>Tell me about a time when you received negative or constructive feedback and you used that information to make a change.</li> <li>Tell me about a time when you asked someone for feedback.</li> <li>Tell me about a time when you were surprised by the way someone reacted to you.</li> <li>Tell me about a time when you should have handled a situation differently.</li> </ol>	If person cannot come up with an example, ask them to think about a former work or school experience.  What was the situation? How did you approach the situation? Why did you select that approach? What were the results? If that situation were to occur again, how would you handle it differently? What made your approach successful? What did you take away from	Negative  ✓ Unable to describe his/her strengths and weaknesses  ✓ Doesn't reflect on own behavior/actions  ✓ Doesn't seek feedback  ✓ Deflects feedback  ✓ Surprised by impact he/she has on others  ✓ Makes excuses and blames others  Positive  ✓ Able to describe his/her strengths and weaknesses  ✓ Seeks feedback from a wide variety of sources  ✓ Views criticism as helpful  ✓ Doesn't get defensives when receiving feedback
Comments:	the situation?  How have you used those lessons in a different situation?	✓ Willingly admits mistakes

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Instills Trust: Gaining the confidence and trust of others through honesty, integrity and authenticity.						
Behavioral Questions (Choose one)	Probes	Anchors				
<ol> <li>Tell me about a time when you chose to be true to your own values rather than do what was told or expected.</li> <li>Tell me about a time when you publicly admitted a mistake or failure.</li> <li>Describe a time when you were asked to do something that you thought was unethical.</li> <li>Describe a time when someone told you something in confidence and you felt you needed to tell someone.</li> </ol>	If person cannot come up with an example, ask them to think about a former work or school experience.  What was the situation? How did you approach the situation? Why did you select that approach? What were the results? If that situation were to occur again, how would you handle it differently? What made your approach successful? What did you take away from the situation? How have you used those lessons in a different situation?	Negative  Actions do not match words  Discloses for personal gain and advantage  Doesn't keep confidences  Doesn't always keep promises  Is not open and transparent  Positive  Shows consistency, actions match words  Treats others with respect; is direct and truthful  Keeps confidences  Follows through on commitments  Operates with honesty and integrity				
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OVERALL FIT WITH THE POSITION  Enter in your rating for each competency question. Consider how important each competency is for the role you are interviewing this candidate for.						
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Customer/Patient Foo	cus	2. Would they  3. Does the ca	<ol> <li>What stood out as the candidate's strengths? Weaknesses?</li> <li>Would they be a good fit with your department? Penn Medicine?</li> </ol>			
Critical Thinking /Prob	-		3. Does the candidate seem open to feedback and "coachable"?			
Collaborates			candidate?			
Communicates Effect	ively	→ <u> </u>	5. Are there any additional questions you would want to ask the candidate?			
Values Differences		<b>→</b>	Overall Comments			
Demonstrates Self-Av	vareness	→ <u> </u>				
Instills Trust		→ <u> </u>				
OVERALL ASSESSMENT						
<ul> <li>In evaluating the candidate's overall fit with the job, please consider the following:         <ul> <li>A. The overall fit of the candidate's competencies with the position. A score that's too high may indicate that someone is "overqualified" for the position; someone with competency scores that are low may be a better fit.</li> <li>B. The candidate's ability to learn from situations and apply those learnings in new and different situations. This will be a better indicator of future success than someone who has a strong competency profile but limited learning agility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						
Recommendation:	☐ Would Not Recommend		Recommend  Grant Would Recommend  Further Discussion)			

