

Supplementary file 1: Interview Guide

Warm-up Question

Can you briefly tell me about yourself — your year of study and the clinical rotations you've completed so far?

Interview Questions

1. Could you describe your feelings and initial expectations regarding your pediatric clinical placement?
 - *Probe:* why?
 - *Probe:* Were these expectations based on prior experience, or something else?
2. Tell me about your experience in pediatric clinical rotation.
 - *Probe:* What stood out most to you on that first day?
3. Describe a memorable event (positive or negative) that affected your learning during your pediatric rotation.
 - *Probe:* What made this event stand out? How did it shape the way you approached subsequent clinical days? How did you feel?
4. Describe your experience when interacting with children and their caregivers or parents? Please provide an example.
 - *Probe:* How did you feel?
 - *Probe:* How did you manage or cope with these challenges?
5. How did staff nurses, preceptors, children and their families react to your presence as a male student?
 - *Probe:* Can you give an example?
 - *Probe:* How were you treated compared to female nursing students?
6. What helped you learn during pediatric clinical training?
 - *Probe:* Were there specific people, resources, or situations that facilitated your learning?
7. What hindered your learning during pediatric clinical training?
 - *Probe:* Were there structural, social, or personal barriers?
8. How have these experiences influenced your personality as a future nurse?

9. How have these experiences influenced your perception regarding pediatric nursing?
10. If you could suggest a change to the pediatric clinical training, what would it be and why?
 - *Probe:* What specific support or resources would have made your experience better?
11. Is there anything else about your pediatric clinical experience that we haven't discussed but that you think is important for me to know?
12. Do you have any questions for me before we end the interview?

Closing Statement

Thank you very much for sharing your experiences and insights with me. Your contribution is highly appreciated.