Nurse interview questions and answers

1. Say why you chose nursing

Tell me about yourself.	I'm a newly trained nurse. I did my placements on a medical ward and in a care home. I like to be busy and I like working with a team.
Why did you choose nursing?	When I was twelve, my grandmother was in the hospital. The nurses were so kind to her, and I wanted to be that person for someone else.
Why do you want to work on this ward?	I read that your team looks after older patients, and I enjoy talking with them. I also want to learn from a strong team.

2. Tell her about a time you worked in a busy team

Tell me about a time you dealt with a difficult patient or relative.	A patient's daughter was angry about the waiting time. I listened, said sorry, and told her what was happening. She calmed down and thanked us.
How do you manage a busy shift?	I make a list at the start and do the urgent things first. If I need help, I ask early. I also write my notes as I go.
Tell me about a time you worked in a team.	On my last placement, two nurses were off sick. We shared the tasks, and I checked in with the others every hour. Everyone finished on time.

3. Say what you do when a patient refuses his medicine

A patient refuses his medicine. What do you do?	I'd talk to him calmly and ask why he doesn't want it. I'd listen and answer his questions.
And if he still says no?	I wouldn't force him. I'd tell the nurse in charge and write it in the notes.

4. Say what you do if you make a mistake

What would you do if you made a mistake?	I'd tell my manager at once and say sorry. Then I'd write down what happened and learn from it.
What are your strengths?	I'm calm and I listen well. Patients tell me things they don't tell others, because I don't rush them.
Do you have any questions for me?	Yes. What does the first week on the ward look like, and who will support me?

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