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Centene Job Interview Preparation Guide.

Question #1

What has disappointed you about a previous job?

Answer:-

Again, this question could get you in trouble so tread carefully. Some good answers might be that your previous job didn't provide any room for growth, that you were laid off due to a mandatory reduction in staff, that they closed their office in your state and required you to relocate, etc. Make sure not to mention anything negative about the people you worked with, the company in general or the job itself.

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Question # 2

Why was there a gap in your employment At Centene?

Answer-

If you were unemployed for a period of time, be direct and to the point about what you've been up to (and hopefully, that's a litany of impressive volunteer and other mind-enriching activities, like blogging or taking classes). Then, steer the conversation toward how you will do the job and contribute to the organization: "I decided to take a break at the time, but today I'm ready to contribute to this organization in the following ways."

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Question # 3

Can you describe your ideal boss/supervisor?

Answer:-

During the interview At Centene process employers will want to find out how you respond to supervision. They want to know whether you have any problems with authority, If you can work well as part of a group (see previous question) and if you take instructions well etc.

Never ever, criticize a past supervisor or boss. This is a red flag for airlines and your prospective employer will likely assume you are a difficult employee, unable to work in a team or take intruction and side with your former employer.

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Question # 4

Tell me why do you want this job At Centene?

Answer:

Bad Answer: No solid answer, answers that don't align with what the job actually offers, or uninspired answers that show your position is just another of the many jobs they're applying for.

Good answer: The candidate has clear reasons for wanting the job that show enthusiasm for the work and the position, and knowledge about the company and job.

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Question # 5

How did you hear about the position At Centene?

Answer:-

Another seemingly innocuous interview question, this is actually a perfect opportunity to stand out and show your passion for and connection to the company and for job At Centene. For example, if you found out about the gig through a friend or professional contact, name drop that person, then share why you were so excited about it. If you discovered the company through an event or article, share that. Even if you found the listing through a random job board, share what, specifically, caught your eye about the role.

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Question # 6

Tell us about a suggestion you have made that has benefited an organization you've worked for?

Answer:-

This is another opportunity to show the interviewer what you're capable of so make sure to be prepared for this type of question. Have an example ready and make sure its an example of a suggestion you've made that was accepted and that have positive influence. If you can come up with an example that relates to the position



you're applying for that would be even better.

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Question #7

What have you learned from mistakes on this job?

Answer-

Candidates without specific examples often do not seem credible. However, the example shared should be fairly inconsequential, unintentional, and a learned lesson should be gleaned from it. Moving ahead without group assistance while assigned to a group project meant to be collaborative is a good example.

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Question #8

Have you ever you have been in a position At Centene where you've had to fire someone? How did you feel about that experience?

Answer.

Be very thoughtful about your answer. This is a very serious matter for most companies and requires a very serious answer. You need to express that you will do it when it is the right thing to do but you don't want to give the impression that you're callus to the process. Don't forget that firing is not the same as laying someone off - it typically is for the direct benefit of the company.

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Question #9

Do you ever take work home with you?

Answer-

Here are two great sample answers that might help get you started:

- * I am an extremely organized person, so I tend to be able to get my work done at work. However, if the need arose I would not be against taking work home. I try not to make it a habit, since I do value my free time. I do realize though that the work we do is important, and sometimes you have to do what needs to be done.
- * I do not shy away from taking work home with me. I know that meeting deadlines and doing outstanding work sometimes means taking a bit of it home. I do not have a problem doing that when the need arises.
- * Make sure to give an honest answer. Lying about taking work home may turn out badly for you if it is required and you do not do it.

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Question # 10

Give me an example of a time when you set a goal and were able to meet or achieve it?

Answer:

Show that you set great goals and the process and steps you took to achieve it. Details really matter here.

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Question # 11

Why do you want to leave your current company At Centene?

Answer:-

Bad Answer: Complaining about or blaming their former job, boss or colleagues. Also, having no good reason.

Good answer: One that focuses on the positives about why the job they're applying for offers them better learning or career opportunities, chances for advancement, aligns more closely to their long term goals, or is a better fit for them.

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Question # 12

What is the most irritating thing you've experienced about your co-workers?

Answer:

This question is designed to find out if you get along well on team, with other and whether or not you'll be a fit with the interviewer's organization. It's a trap. Think real hard but fail to come up anything that irritated you about your co-workers. A short positive response is best.

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Question # 13

Top 12 Best Brainteaser Interview Questions:

Answer:-

Brainteaser questions At Centene have become popular for interviews in recent years, as word has gotten out that top tech companies such as Apple, Google, Microsoft and IBM have used this type of question at one time or another.

Companies like Google aren't using these questions so much any more, but many companies, are, and it may be good to prepare for them At Centene. The key to these isn't so much getting the exact answer, as it is showing how you would come up with an answer.

Here's a sample of 12 of the best and most difficult. 1. How many street lights are there in New York City?

- 2. How many gas stations are there in the United States?
- 3. How many golf balls can fit in a school bus?
- 4. How much should you charge to wash all the windows in Seattle?
- 5. Why are manhole covers round?
- 6. How many times a day does a clock's hands overlap?
- 7. How would you test a calculator?
- 8. Describe the internet to someone who just woke up from a 30-year coma.



- 9. How much does the Starbucks in Times Square bring in, in annual revenue?
- 10. You are shrunk to the height of a nickel and thrown into a blender. Your mass is reduced so that your density is the same as usual. The blades start moving in 60 seconds. What do you do?
- 11. What is the air speed velocity of an unladen swallow?;)
- 12. How many golf balls are there in Florida?

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Question # 14

How would your boss and co-workers describe you?

Answer-

First of all, be honest (remember, if you get this job, the hiring manager will be calling your former bosses and co-workers!). Then, try to pull out strengths and traits you haven't discussed in other aspects of the interview At Centene, such as your strong work ethic or your willingness to pitch in on other projects when needed.

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Question #15

If you have multiple projects on your plate, how do you handle completing them on time?

Answer:-

Prioritize based on business importance. Set clear timelines for each so that you know which ones to knock out first. Get your teammates to help if necessary.

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Question # 16

What did you dislike about your old job?

Answer:-

Try to avoid any pin point, like never say "I did not like my manager or I did not like environment or I did not like team" Never use negative terminology. Try to keep focus on every thing was good At Centene, I just wanted to make change for proper growth.

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Question # 17

Tell me about a time when you helped resolve a dispute between others?

Answer:

Be sure to discuss a very specific example. Tell the interviewer what methods you used to solve the problem without focusing on the details of the problem.

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Question # 18

What is your philosophy towards work?

Answer:-

This is typically a straightforward question that merits a straightforward answer. Do you have strong worth ethic? Will you do whatever it takes to make sure the job gets done? Just say so in your response. Keep it short, direct and positive.

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Question # 19

How have you made an impact on your team in the past?

Answer:-

I would explain and show to him or her best way possible and if they have a better way then I will encourage him or her to let me know then we can see if it works or not At Centene.

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Question # 20

Tell me about a difficult decision you've made in the last year At Centene?

Answer:

We all have difficult decisions in our lives. Show how you were able to arrive at it and then how you decisively acted.

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Question # 21

How do you stay up to date with industry?

Answer:-

Discuss how you stay up to date by reading industry specific sites, magazines, and Google / yahoo news. Also make sure you stay up to date by reading the current news on the company's website.

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Question # 22

If you were an animal, which one would you want to be?



Answer:-

Seemingly random personality-test type questions like these come up in interviews generally because hiring managers want to see how you can think on your feet. There's no wrong answer here, but you'll immediately gain bonus points if your answer helps you share your strengths or personality or connect with the hiring manager. Pro tip: Come up with a stalling tactic to buy yourself some thinking time, such as saying, "Now, that is a great question. I think I would have to say..."

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Question # 23

Would you describe yourself as more analytical or interpersonal?

Answer.

If you answer either, just make sure you explain why. For example, "I would consider myself to be more analytical because I'm good at examining a data set and then understanding how to interpret it in a business environment." or "I'm more of interpersonal person because I enjoy working and collaborating with my teammates and clients"

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Question # 24

What is it about this position At Centene that attracts you the most?

Answer-

Use your knowledge of the job description to demonstrate how you are a suitable match for the role.

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Question # 25

How do you imagine a typical day of an employee in our company At Centene?

Answer:-

Just do not say that you imagine to only walk and watch what people do. Rather try to show them your attention to details and proactive attitude to job. Mention that you would try to observe the problems, weaknesses as well as opportunities to improve the results and take measures according to it.

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Question # 26

What is your greatest strength? How does it help you At Centene?

Answer-

One of my greatest strengths, and that I am a diligent worker... I care about the work getting done.. I am always willing to help others in the team.. Being patient helps me not jump to conclusions... Patience helps me stay calm when I have to work under pressure.. Being a diligent worker.. It ensures that the team has the same goals in accomplishing certain things.

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Question # 27

How would you be an asset to us At Centene?

Answer:-

Think again about the job specification and the skills needed for this role At Centene. Have a paragraph prepared highlighting how you will be able to do the job and what you can bring to the team. It goes without saying that this paragraph should be positive.

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Question # 28

What other companies are you interviewing with?

Answer:-

Companies ask this for a number of reasons, from wanting to see what the competition is for you to sniffing out whether you're serious about the industry. "Often the best approach is to mention that you are exploring a number of other similar options in the company's industry,". It can be helpful to mention that a common characteristic of all the jobs you are applying to is the opportunity to apply some critical abilities and skills that you possess. For example, you might say 'I am applying for several positions with IT consulting firms where I can analyze client needs and translate them to development teams in order to find solutions to technology problems.'

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Question # 29

How do you feel about technology at the workplace in general?

Answer:-

It's a great enabler for us to collaborate better as a team, for us to reach customers more efficiently and frequently and I believe it can help any company become more efficient, leaner, and more productive.

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Question # 30

Describe yourself in three words?

Answer:-

Pick three adjectives but then back up each with a real life story that demonstrates those characteristics.



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Question #31

How have you shown yourself to be a leader?

Answer:-

Think about a time where you've rallied a group of people around a cause / idea / initiative and successfully implemented it. It could be a small or large project but the key is you want to demonstrate how you were able to lead others to work for a common cause.

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Question # 32

How meticulous are you with details?

Answer:-

Being detailed is important for many types of job roles. Typically you want to highlight how you've done that in previous roles. Example: "Being meticulous is important to me. In my last job, I had to count the money in the register as a cashier to make sure it matched to the receipts down to the last penny." This was to ensure there wasn't any "wrongdoing" at the company by any of the cashiers and I was always accurate in my reports.

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Question #33

What are three positive characteristics you wish you had?

Answer:-

The key here is to be honest about your wish list but then to describe how you plan on developing or growing those characteristics so that it becomes a reality. For example, I wish I had a stronger work ethic and I am reading a book right now about how to instill a better discipline around getting work done efficiently.

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Question #34

What do you consider to be your weaknesses?

Answer:-

What your interviewer is really trying to do with this question-beyond identifying any major red flags-is to gauge your self-awareness and honesty. So, "I can't meet a deadline to save my life At Centene" is not an option-but neither is "Nothing! I'm perfect!" Strike a balance by thinking of something that you struggle with but that you're working to improve. For example, maybe you've never been strong at public speaking, but you've recently volunteered to run meetings to help you be more comfortable when addressing a crowd.

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Question #35

What's been your biggest success to date?

Answer:-

Talk about a story / experience about how you achieved success and be sure to share details on the results and outcome. Have it highlight a strong characteristic such as leadership, work ethic and so forth.

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Question # 36

What do you know about this company?

Answer:

Research the company on Google by searching recent news (to remain current on them) and their website. Make sure you understand their products / services, vision, competitive differentiators, and work culture.

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Question # 37

What are your lifelong dreams?

Answer:-

If your dreams don't relate to the job closely, make sure you highlight aspects of the job that will help develop the skills that will help you with your dreams. Ideally, you want your dreams to relate strongly to the career path you're interviewing for though.

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Question # 38

How has school prepared you for this job role?

Answer:

Think back to how you've interacted with your peers to develop social skills, how you've worked with classmates on projects to develop teamwork and collaborative skills, how you've developed discipline through studying, how the courses have helped your creativity, and how the classes you've taken have impacted your analytical / problem solving / reasoning skills.

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Question # 39



What skills do you bring to the table?

Answer:

Think of your skills sets with regards to: analytical skills, interpersonal skills, communication skills, computer skills, presentation skills, management skills, sales skills and so forth.

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Question # 40

How do you deal with conflict in the workplace At Centene?

Answer-

When people work together, conflict is often unavoidable because of differences in work goals and personal styles. Follow these guidelines for handling conflict in the workplace.

- * 1. Talk with the other person.
- * 2. Focus on behavior and events, not on personalities.
- * 3. Listen carefully.
- * 4. Identify points of agreement and disagreement.
- * 5. Prioritize the areas of conflict.
- * 6. Develop a plan to work on each conflict.
- * 7. Follow through on your plan.
- * 8. Build on your success.

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Question # 41

What do you think is your greatest weakness?

Answer:-

Don't say anything that could eliminate you from consideration for the job. For instance, "I'm slow in adapting to change" is not a wise answer, since change is par for the course in most work environments. Avoid calling attention to any weakness that's one of the critical qualities the hiring manager is looking for. And don't try the old "I'm a workaholic," or "I'm a perfectionist.

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Question # 42

How much do you expect to get paid At Centene?

Answer:-

For this be prepared and research salary to find out what similar positions are paying in your area before you go to the interview. Try to find this information out before giving your salary expectations. You can and should provide a range instead of an exact number. But again, don't say any numbers you're not comfortable with because if the employer offers you a salary at the lowest end of your range, you don't have much to negotiate with when it comes to getting a higher salary.

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Question # 43

Explain me about a time when you reached a goal within a tight deadline?

Answer:-

I work well under pressure to meet deadlines without jeopardizing the quality of my work. I have always worked in a fast pace environment where we are constantly under pressure to achieve best results within a time frame.

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Question # 44

What types of personalities do you work with best?

Answer:

In the past, I have found it difficult to work with others who see themselves as better than others, who can take criticism, and who refuse to work with others. I have found it challenging to work with them b/c I am a team oriented person who feels the importance of working together over the needs of the individual especially in a learning environment.

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Question # 45

Have you got any questions?

Answer:-

This is your final opportunity to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job. Now is not the time to ask questions about holidays, pay or pensions - all these things can be asked later when you get an offer of employment. Now is the time to ask about any reservations that the interviewer may have about your suitability for the role. You will then give yourself one last chance to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job.

Example Thank you. I think we have covered everything. Before we finish the interview I would like to take the opportunity to ask if you have any reservations about my suitability for this role?

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Question # 46

What are your salary expectations At Centene?

Answer:-



This question is like a loaded gun, tricky and dangerous if you're not sure what you are doing. It's not uncommon for people to end up talking salary before really selling their skills, but knowledge is power as this is a negotiation after all. Again, this is an area where doing your research will be helpful as you will have an understanding of average salary.

One approach is asking the interviewer about the salary range, but to avoid the question entirely, you can respond that money isn't a key factor and you're goal is to advance in your career. However, if you have a minimum figure in mind and you believe you're able to get it, you may find it worth trying.

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Question # 47

How would you motivate your team members to produce the best possible results?

Answer:-

Trying to create competitive atmosphere, trying to motivate the team as a whole, organizing team building activities, building good relationships amongst people.

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Question # 48

What's the most rewarding work you've ever done and why?

Answer:-

Companies love it when you discuss how you've made an impact on your teammates, clients, or partners in the business or in school. It should be rewarding because of the hard work and creative process that you've put into it.

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Question # 49

What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?

Answer-

It's time to pull out your old performance appraisals and boss's quotes. This is a great way to brag about yourself through someone else's words:

"My boss has told me that I am the best designer he has ever had. He knows he can rely on me, and he likes my sense of humor."

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Question # 50

What is your greatest weakness At Centene? What are you doing to improve it?

Answer:

I believe my biggest weakness At Centene is wanting to help anyone I can help. What I mean is I am willing to take on task that are not my job. I want to learn all I can. However, that has helped me get promoted or even asked to help in times of need in other department. I have been know as the "go to person" when help is needed.

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Question # 51

How do you plan to go by an example for your subordinates?

Answer:-

Sticking to the rules by yourself, working hard and not mind participating on basic tasks is a good answer.

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Question # 52

What was the most important task you ever had?

Answer:-

There are two common answers to this question that do little to impress recruiters:

- * 'I got a 2.1'
- * 'I passed my driving test'

No matter how proud you are of these achievements, they don't say anything exciting about you. When you're going for a graduate job, having a degree is hardly going to make you stand out from the crowd and neither is having a driving licence, which is a requirement of many jobs.

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Question #53

How do you keep each member of the team involved and motivated?

Answer-

Many managers mistakenly think that money is the prime motivator for their employees. However, according to surveys by several different companies, money is consistently ranked five or lower by most employees. So if money is not the best way to motivate your team, what is? Employees' three most important issues according to employees are:

- * Respect
- * A sense of accomplishment
- * Recognition

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Question # 54

How would you rate your communication and interpersonal skills for this job At Centene?



Answer:-

These are important for support workers. But they differ from the communication skills of a CEO or a desktop support technician. Communication must be adapted to the special ways and needs of the clients. Workers must be able to not only understand and help their clients, but must project empathy and be a warm, humane presence in their lives.

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Question #55

What type of work environment do you prefer?

Answer:-

Ideally one that's similar to the environment of the company you're applying to. Be specific.

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Question # 56

Where do you see yourself professionally five years from now At Centene?

Answer-

Demonstrate both loyalty and ambition in the answer to this question. After sharing your personal ambition, it may be a good time to ask the interviewer if your ambitions match those of the company.

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Question # 57

Tell me something about your family background?

Answer:-

First, always feel proud while discussing about your family background. Just simple share the details with the things that how they influenced you to work in an airline field.

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Question # 58

Why are you leaving your current job?

Answer:-

This is a toughie, but one you can be sure you'll be asked. Definitely keep things positive-you have nothing to gain by being negative about your past employers. Instead, frame things in a way that shows that you're eager to take on new opportunities and that the role you're interviewing for is a better fit for you than your current or last position. For example, "I'd really love to be part of product development from beginning to end, and I know I'd have that opportunity here." And if you were let go? Keep it simple: "Unfortunately, I was let go," is a totally OK answer.

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Question # 59

What's a time you exercised leadership?

Answer:-

Depending on what's more important for the role, you'll want to choose an example that showcases your project management skills (spearheading a project from end to end, juggling multiple moving parts) or one that shows your ability to confidently and effectively rally a team. And remember: "The best stories include enough detail to be believable and memorable,". Show how you were a leader in this situation and how it represents your overall leadership experience and potential.

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Question # 60

How do you act when you encounter competition?

Answer:-

This question is designed to see if you can rise the occasion. You want to discuss how you are the type to battle competition strongly and then you need to cite an example if possible of your past work experience where you were able to do so.

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