



Health Professional School Interviews



Health Professions Advising



Helpful Preparation Tips

- See if school will provide information about type of interview.
- Be aware of current healthcare issues.
- Read current events (not just healthcare) the night before, or morning of, the interview.
- Review application materials submitted to the school.
- Review information about the school.
- Be prepared to ask questions, not just answer them.

Sample Interview Questions

Healthcare questions

- What is your impression of Obama's health care plan?
- What do you think the biggest issue that [*career name*] faces today?
- If you met with a patient asking you to do something that is medically acceptable, but in conflict with your own values, what would you do?
- What do you believe the [*career name*]'s role is within a healthcare team?
- What are the challenges you see with creating a universal healthcare plan?
- At work, you have heard that a patient has been approved to receive a liver transplant. You discover that this patient is a good friend who is, unfortunately, an alcoholic. What do you do?

School specific questions

- What makes our school different from others to which you have applied?
- What made you decide to apply to this school/program?
- What do you believe you will contribute as a student in this school/program?

Challenging questions

- What is a hobby you enjoy? How do you think that hobby relates to becoming a [*career name*]?
- What is your plan if you don't get accepted to school this year?
- What is the most important quality for a [*career name*] to possess, and why?
- What experiences have you had interacting with diverse populations?
- What do you think will be the most challenging type of patient for you to encounter or care for?
- What is the weakest part of your application? What have you done to address this aspect of your application?
- Have you ever made a sacrifice for someone else? How would you respond if asked you to?
- Do people trust you? How do you know this?

Questions for the school

One good source for school specific questions is AAMC, *Thirty-Five Questions I Wish I Had Asked*, available at:

<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/370872/35questions.html>

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