



MEDICAL SCHOOL PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

The following list is not a complete list of possible questions but does represent the types of questions that may be asked. To prepare for your interview, contemplate your answers and arrange to do a **MOCK INTERVIEW** with the staff at UCS to enhance your interviewing skills. Please call 742-2210 to set-up an appointment.

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. Why did you choose to major in _____?
3. Do you think your GPA accurately reflects your abilities?
4. How do you explain your low grades (or MCAT score)?
5. Tell me about a meaningful experience you've had and how it shaped you to pursue a career in medicine. (Review your essays and/or your personal statement.)
6. Why medicine?
7. Why not another profession that perhaps still helps people in a different regard?
8. What clinical experiences/community service have you had?
9. Tell me about the patient from whom you learned the most.
10. Tell me about a time when you had to tell someone something unpleasant.
11. What is the difference between sympathy and empathy?
12. What do you feel will be your biggest challenge as a medical student?
13. What do you have to offer your fellow medical students?
14. Why did you apply to this medical school? (Research the school's goals, missions, and any other special characteristics of the school.)
15. What branch of medicine most interests you?
16. How will you pay for medical school?
17. What will you do next year if you are not accepted into medical school?
18. Where do you want to be ten or fifteen years from now?
19. Tell me something about yourself that I haven't asked but you would like the admissions committee to know about you.
20. How do you see health care evolving in the 21st century?
21. How emotionally involved should a physician become with the health of his or her patients?
22. What are your opinions about physician assisted suicide/stem cell research/genetic testing/other controversial current topics?
23. You have two patients who have been admitted after a serious accident. Both require immediate attention in order to survive. One patient is 20 years old; the other is 60 years old. Which life would you save?
24. During a routine physical examination of a 10-year-old girl you discover unmistakable evidence that she has been physically and sexually abused over a period of time. Both her parents are in the waiting room. How would you respond to this situation.
25. What do you like to do in your spare time?
26. How do you relieve stress?

Expect the unexpected

1. If you could invite any three guest (living or deceased) to a dinner party, who would it be and why?
2. If you could be any type of cell in the human body, which type of cell would you choose and why?

