

## **HEALTH PROFESSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. How would you describe yourself?
2. Why do you want to go to \_\_\_\_\_ school?
3. What factors have influenced your decision to go to \_\_\_\_\_ school?
4. How do your family/friends feel about your decision to go to \_\_\_\_\_ school? How have they influenced you in this decision?
5. When did you first decide upon \_\_\_\_\_ as a profession?
6. What qualities do you have which will make you a good \_\_\_\_\_?
7. What qualities do you think a good \_\_\_\_\_ should possess?
8. What do you think your contribution to \_\_\_\_\_ will be?
9. What type of doctor would you like to be (including specialty, if any) and why?
10. In what type of setting would you like to practice?
11. What do you see yourself doing in twenty years?
12. What will you do if you don't get into \_\_\_\_\_ school?
13. Are you applying to any other professional schools (e.g. dental school) or graduate schools or other programs?
14. What experiences have you had in the biomedical field? (emphasis on research or clinical work)
15. Have you done any hospital volunteer work?
16. Outside of \_\_\_\_\_, what is your main interest?
17. How do you spend your leisure time?
18. What books/magazines do you read?
19. What sports do you engage in?
20. What do you do for social activities?
21. What kind of friends do you have?
22. How did you choose your undergraduate college?
23. How has your undergraduate experience helped to make you a better person?
24. What courses did you particularly enjoy while in college? Can you discuss them?
25. What subjects are you taking now? Can you discuss them?
26. What type of work experiences have you had in college or during the summers?
27. What have you done during your summers?
28. Where have you traveled?
29. (With reference to your college record): Why did you take a particular course over the summer? Or why did you drop, fail, or get a certain grade in a particular course? Why did you take a course? Explain discrepancies between grades and MCAT scores.
30. How much did you study while in college?
31. Who or what has had the greatest influence upon your life - in molding you to be the way you are?
32. How do you plan to pay for your \_\_\_\_\_ school?
33. How do you feel about living and working (especially once you are a doctor) in the area in which the \_\_\_\_\_ school is located?
34. If medicine should become socialized, how would that affect your plans?
35. How far do you feel that a doctor's responsibility to his/her patients extends?
36. What problems do you anticipate arising during your professional career? Medical training?

37. What changes would you like to see made in the current American health care delivery system?
38. How would you suggest that the doctor shortage in rural and inner-city areas be alleviated? What will you do if you are asked to serve in a doctor-shortage area?
39. What are your feelings regarding the medical malpractice crisis? Do you have any solutions to offer?
40. How do you plan to handle your social life?
41. How will you face the death of a patient whose illness you have diagnosed incorrectly?
42. Having non-science courses played an important or major part in your undergraduate education? How much relevance do they have to your being a \_\_\_\_\_?
43. Name two or three issues which you consider to be major ethical problems in health care today. What are the different points of view on them?
44. Are there any weaknesses that you are aware of that might make it difficult for you to succeed in \_\_\_\_\_ school? What is your greatest liability?
45. What aspect of communication skills is important to being a \_\_\_\_\_?
46. How do you hope or plan to pay for your \_\_\_\_\_ education?
47. If you are not accepted to \_\_\_\_\_ school, what will you do? Have you considered any alternate careers?
48. What kinds of things do you enjoy doing? What do you do in your spare time?
49. Could you tell me, in a few sentences, the major reason for your application to \_\_\_\_\_ school? Why do you want to be a \_\_\_\_\_?
50. What is the strongest aspect of your personality or the greatest ability you believe you can offer to health care as a \_\_\_\_\_?
51. What do you see yourself doing ten years from now?
52. What do you consider a measure of success or failure in a career? What do you consider a measure of success or failure in a \_\_\_\_\_ career?
53. Have you ever suffered any keen disappointments? If so, how did it affect you?
54. What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ do you think you'll make? What makes you think so?
55. What electives have you taken? Why those?
56. When did you decide you wanted to go into \_\_\_\_\_? How did you reach your decision?
57. What do you think about how \_\_\_\_\_ is practiced today?
58. What are your feelings about such things as pre-paid medical/dental care?
59. What are your chief academic strengths/weaknesses?
60. Do you have any questions about our school or about \_\_\_\_\_ education?
61. What are some of the activities in which you have participated which demonstrate your skills in working with people?
62. Are you interested in family practice? Why? What do you know about family practice?
63. What do you want to get out of life?
64. Tell me about yourself.
65. Which five books would you take to a desert island? Why?
66. What would you like to change about yourself?
67. Why do you feel we should accept you over other highly qualified applicants?
68. How do you feel about telling a patient he is dying?
69. What do you think are some of the important issues in health care today?
70. What qualities do you feel a good \_\_\_\_\_ should have?
71. As you see it, what are some of the drawbacks of \_\_\_\_\_'s life?
72. To what other \_\_\_\_\_ schools have you applied?

73. Why did you choose to apply to our \_\_\_\_\_ school?
74. Have you applied to other types of health professional programs? (If so, which types?)
75. Do you think that college grades/board scores are an accurate yardstick for one's aptitude for \_\_\_\_\_?
76. If you were conducting an interview, what questions would you ask an applicant?
77. To how many \_\_\_\_\_ schools have you applied?
78. Where else have you applied?
79. Which \_\_\_\_\_ school is your first choice and why?
80. Have you been accepted to any schools yet?
81. Why do you want to go to this particular school?
82. Do you consider yourself a competitive applicant to this school?
83. What do you think about this \_\_\_\_\_ school? The campus?
84. Explain your lowest board score.
85. Did you take a test-preparation course to prepare for the boards?
86. Do you have any questions you would like to ask me?
87. What is the major problem facing America? What are some of the MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ achievements of the past 20 years?

