

SAMPLE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOL

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

The following sample questions are meant to provide you with a better understanding of why the interviewer might be asking the questions that they do. By asking you certain questions, interviewers are attempting to gain a better understanding of your personality.

- What kind of community/volunteer work have you done?
- What is the most rewarding experience of your life?
- Who is your favorite author?
- Have you worked while you have been in school?
- Have you had the opportunity to travel abroad?
- What accomplishment are you most proud of?
- Tell me about the most difficult period of your life. How did you deal with this?
- What are your strengths? What are your weaknesses?
- What is the most difficult decision that you've had to make?
- How do you plan to finance your medical school education?
- How are you going to decide which medical/dental school to attend?
- How do you handle adversity?
- Why should we pick you instead of someone else?
- Why do you want to be a physician/dentist?
- What will you do if you are not accepted to medical/dental school?
- When did you first decide that you wanted to pursue a medical or dental career? Was there a specific cause for your decision? Has anything happened since that time to strengthen or weaken your decision?
- Can you see other careers in which you could achieve the same goals or meet the same needs?
- What steps have you taken to find out more about medicine/dentistry as a career?
- If accepted to medical/dental school, what field of medicine/dentistry would you prefer?
- Where would you like to start practicing?
- How do you study? How do you manage your time?
- What courses do you find most enjoyable, most difficult? Why?
- Describe your hobbies and interests.
- Describe your best/least favorite course at UT and why it falls into that category.
- Why did you choose _____ as your major?
- Are there any questions you would like to ask me?
- Describe a situation where you've worked with people from different backgrounds.
- What type of person do you enjoy being with? What type of person irritates you most and how have you dealt with these types of people?
- What about yourself would you most like the interviewer to know?
- Do you have any particular populations you would like to work with? Have you worked with this type of population in the past?
- How do you handle stress?
- How would you keep health care costs down?
- What is an HMO?
- What do you know about managed care?
- What characteristics does a good doctor/dentist possess?
- What current event in medicine/dentistry have you heard about or been following?
- What are the advantages and limitations that you see going into medicine/dentistry? (Be specific)
- What problems do you predict that medicine/dentistry will face in the next decade?