



Middlebury College

Center for Careers & Internships

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

The following list came from applicants who interviewed with various medical schools. These have been the most commonly asked questions during applicants' admission interviews. Although committee members may not ask these exact questions during your interviews, if you review and practice responses to them you will be, and feel, more prepared and confident for the actual interview. [Note: I have deleted questions that ask about a woman's plans for marriage, children, etc., as these are now illegal!]

1. Why do you want to be a doctor [vet, dentist, etc.—for economy in this document I am referring to allopathic medicine only. Please substitute your chosen profession and field throughout.]?
2. What do you do in your spare time?
3. What are your specific goals in medicine?
4. What stimulated your interest in medicine?
5. What do you think about the socialization of medicine?
6. What are your opinions on abortion?
7. What schools have you applied to, and why?
8. What do you intend to gain from your medical education?
9. What do you think about euthanasia?
10. Why do you think so many people want to be physicians?
11. Do you think minorities should be given special admission consideration?
12. How do you plan to finance your medical education?
13. Would you be able to tell your patient she has eight months to live, etc.?
14. Pretend you are me, and I am you: what would you look for in an applicant?
15. There are 1,000 applicants as qualified as you are. Why should we choose you?
16. Why do doctors have one of the highest suicide rates among professionals?
17. What steps have you taken to acquaint yourself with what a physician does?

18. How would your plans differ if we were now under socialized medicine?
19. How much money do you expect to earn as a physician?
20. Whom would you like to see as President of the United States, and why?
21. What do you think is the most pressing issue in medicine today?
22. What would you like to do if you are not accepted into medical school?
23. Should doctors be required to serve two years in public service?
24. What are your positive qualities, and what are your negative qualities?
25. What is your relationship with your family?
26. If your best friends were asked to describe you, what would they say?
27. How do you think you fit into the medical profession as a person?
28. How do you think your role as a physician fits in with your role as a member of the community?
29. Describe your personality.
30. Of what value can you be to our school?
31. What are the best and worst things that have ever happened to you?
32. What will you be doing in medicine ten years from now?
33. Is medicine a rewarding experience? Why?
34. Would you practice in the ghetto or the barrio? What do you think happens to persons who practice medicine in these environments (attitude changes, etc.)?
35. If there was an accident on the freeway, and knowing about the present malpractice claims, would you stop and help the victim(s)?
36. What would you do to solve the current maldistribution of doctors in the United States?
37. What aspects of your life experiences do you think make you a good candidate for medical school?

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