

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Getting Started / Personal

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. Why are you interested in our college? Program?
3. Why do you want to be a _____?
4. How did you first become interested in _____?
5. Who influenced your decision to pursue _____?
6. What 3 adjectives would you use to describe yourself?
7. What are 3 of your strengths?
8. What is your major weakness?
9. Give me one short term goal and one long term goal.

Academic

1. How did you prepare for the MCAT, DAT, OAT or GRE?
2. Is your score an accurate reflection of your potential?
3. What course was most academically challenging for you?
4. Are your grades an accurate reflection of your potential?
5. Can you explain the (A-F) grade you received in this class?
6. We noticed you withdrew from a class. Why?

Professional School

1. Do you want to specialize in anything within the field of _____?
2. What are your experiences in medicine? With dentistry? In vet medicine? With physical therapy? With optometry? Describe them.
3. What have you learned from past experiences that will help you in _____ school and within the profession?
4. Are you interested in research?
5. What don't you like about _____?
6. What other schools have you applied to?
7. How are you a good match for our school?

Behavioral Questions

1. What life experiences have you had that have made you a better person?
2. Give me an example of a time when your ethics were challenged. How did you handle it?
3. Tell me about a time when you needed to ask for help.
4. What is the most difficult decision you've had to make and how did you arrive at your decision?
5. Are you a leader or a follower? Why?

10. What have already accomplished that has given you the most satisfaction?
11. What do you do in your spare time? How do you relax?
12. Discuss your volunteer work.
13. What did you do last summer?
14. What would make you happy 10 years from now?
15. Do you have any questions for me?

7. Are you aware of the academic difficulty of _____ school?
8. What challenges do you expect to face while in _____ school?
9. Do you feel your undergraduate work has adequately prepared you for _____ school?
10. In your personal statement, you mentioned _____. Elaborate on that for us.

8. What is your greatest fear about _____ school?
9. In what ways do you think you will contribute to our program and institution?
10. If you are relocating, what do you think of our school's location?
11. Why should we accept you in to our program over other students who have the same skills and qualifications?
12. What would you do, as an alternate plan, if you were not accepted into our program?

6. Explain to me how you work under pressure. Give me an example.
7. Tell me about a recent mistake you made. What did you learn as a result?
8. Describe a time you had to work as part of a team. What was your contribution? What was the hardest part?
9. Describe some characteristics of your role model.

10. Tell us about a time you had to overcome a challenge.
11. Tell us about a time you were unfairly criticized.
12. When did you have to do something that you did not agree with?
13. What is a current event you have seen in the news recently that interests you and is related to the field?
14. If you could cure any disease, what disease would that be any why?
15. If you were a vegetable, what kind would you be and why? Fruit? Car? Animal? Dessert?
16. If you could invite 4 people to dinner, who would they be and why?
17. Rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 on how weird you find yourself to be.

Medical Questions

1. Why did you choose vet school, PT school, dental school, optometry school over being a medical doctor?
2. Did you ever consider pursuing any other health profession?
3. Describe the importance of confidentiality in this field.
4. Describe to me how you can effectively deal with someone in crisis.
5. Tell me about your experiences working with diverse populations.
6. Do you consider yourself to be compassionate? Tell us about a time when you demonstrated compassion.
7. How would you communicate with a non-English speaking patient?
8. What qualities should a good _____ possess?
9. Do you feel the roles of _____ have changed over the last 20 years? In what way?
10. In your view, what is the most pressing problem facing _____ today? Over the next 5-10 years?

Veterinarian School Questions

1. How do you feel about research on animals and how/where they should be obtained?
2. Do you feel people should be able to own exotic species?
3. How important is communication with your patient's owners?

Physical Therapy School Questions

1. As a PT, what duties would you assign a PT assistant that you wouldn't delegate to an aide?
2. How would you handle a patient who did not want to do their exercises?
3. What would you do if a patient came in 3 days in a row, saw three different therapists, and then complained to you that nothing was working?

18. If you could have any superpower what would it be and why?
19. Recommend a good book to me.
20. Would you play on our softball team? If so, what position would you play?
21. What would you bring to a potluck after the game?
22. How do you handle conflict?
23. Teach me something not related to your schoolwork. You have 5 minutes.
24. If your house were burning, what 3 objects would you save?
25. Tell me about a time when you had to tell someone something unpleasant.
26. If you could spend 1 hour with the President of the US, what would you want to discuss with him?

11. How can government improve healthcare? Dental care?
12. What are your thoughts about treating a patient that is HIV positive?
13. Do you have good manual dexterity? How do you know?
14. What would you do if you were in a position to treat someone for an injury who had just stabbed your best friend?
15. How emotionally involved should you become with your patients?
16. When you experience the death of a patient, is it something you will take home with you, or will you leave it at work?
17. Would you continue treating a patient if they didn't follow your suggestions/treatment?
18. How familiar are you with the professional organizations in the field?