

Sample Questions

Sample Medical School Interview Questions

Introducing Yourself

Tell me about yourself.

Describe yourself in 3 words.

How would your friends describe you?

Why should we take you out of all the other applicants?

Tell me about your family.

Do you have family members in the medical field?

Hobbies and Interests

Tell me about your hobbies.

What's a book you've read recently?

What is your favorite book/movie/type of music?

Extracurricular Activities and Research

How will X activity help you become a better physician?

Tell me about X activity. Do you think you'll continue doing it in the future?

Tell me about your research experience and interests.

What volunteer and clinical experiences have you had?

What surprises you most about your XXX (from your resume) experience?

Overcoming Challenges/Difficult Experiences

What weakness do you have, and how did you overcome it?

Share some examples of problem-solving in a team environment.

How do you deal with being overwhelmed?

What ethical dilemma have you faced? How did you resolve it?

Academic

What courses did you enjoy the most in college?

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Why did you withdraw from biochemistry the first time you took it?

Future Career Goals

Are there any medical specialties you're particularly interested in going into?
Why?

Why medicine/dentistry/optometry, etc?

What is your alternative plan?

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

What are you looking forward to the most in medical school?

What are you looking for in your professional education?

What do you hope to accomplish as a doctor?

What specialist has been a role model?

Why would you make a good doctor/dentist, etc?

What difference will you make as a physician/dentist, etc?

What does professionalism mean to you?

Public Health

What are the most important social determinants of health, and how do they affect patients?

What is your understanding of team-based care and interprofessional in the hospital?

How do you think COVID-19 has highlighted health disparities?

What ethical issues face this profession?

Why is diversity important in health care?

What is the role of a physician/dentist, etc. in the community?

Looking into the Future/Current Events

What issues do you think clinicians will be facing in 20 years?

What are the top challenges facing clinicians today?

List three positive and three negative aspects of the field of medicine.

How will the field of medicine and managed care evolve in the next 20 years?

What do you think people need to know about [their physical or oral] health that they don't know?

What is your view on managed care?

What do you think about the healthcare system in Canada?

Miscellaneous

Why do you want to go to our school?

What makes you a good match for us?

How do you personify the school's mission statement?

If you weren't going to be a doctor, what would you be?

Why did you choose your undergraduate major?

Is there anything not in your file you would like me to share with the Admissions Committee?

Any questions for us?