

Possible Interview Questions

1. What is your mission in life?
2. How would you define a good patient?
3. Are you a perfectionist? (scale 1-10)
4. Are you generous? Give examples.
5. Would you be a good teacher? Give examples.
6. What person has contributed the most to your life?
7. If you don't become a physician, what would you do?
8. List what you are going to do in your life in the near future.
9. In general, do you like people? Are there people you don't like?
10. How much do you think a physician should tell a patient about their condition?
11. Do you like to be alone?
12. Do you have many friends or a few close ones?
13. What is the place of a physician in the community?
14. How easy is it to put yourself in one's place?
15. Are you more concerned about anyone's health more than your own? Give examples.
16. What do you do when you are depressed?
17. How would people who know you describe you?
18. How do you feel when one of your colleagues fail to succeed?
19. Why do you want to become a physician?
20. What reservations do you have about entering the profession?
21. What are the most important qualities a physician should possess?
22. What was the last book you read?
23. What would be your approach to a patient who wasn't following your suggestions for life style changes that would improve their health?
24. What do you believe in?
25. What do you care about? How does that caring express itself?
26. How did you investigate a career in medicine?
27. What is your favorite teaching style?
28. Who knows you best?
29. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
30. What skills have you acquired outside the classroom?
31. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
32. What has been the greatest obstacle you have had to overcome?
33. What have you done to find out about the profession?
34. What are the major issues confronting the medical profession today?
35. What person past or present would you like to meet?
36. What have you read in the press about health care recently?
37. What makes you a better applicant than others?
38. How would you express your concerns for a child needing an amputation?
39. Can you relate to me an experience you had helping others?
40. Describe an experience where you have been misjudged?
41. What has been your favorite non-science course? Why?
42. Who are your senators, congressman, governor?
43. Is there anything you can't brag about?
44. What is the toughest thing about being a patient?
45. What type of criticism upsets you?
46. Have you ever been a patient? If so, tell me about your experience.
47. How have your personal and volunteer experiences strengthened your goal of becoming a physician?
48. What have been the strengths and weaknesses of your college preparation?

49. Would you say you are most like your father or mother? Why?
50. Is this school your first choice? Why?
51. Why are you applying to this medical school?
52. How would you define a good patient?
53. If you saw a 5-year-old hammering his thumb with a hammer, what would you do?
54. What are the most important qualities that a physician should possess?
55. What would you do if you had a problem between two of your employees?
56. How would you deal with a patient that was having difficulty quitting smoking?
57. How would you deal with a patient that was continually over-eating?
58. What do you think of the conflict in (insert world conflict zone here)?
59. Tell me about an accomplishment you're proud of.
60. Let's play offense. What shall I tell the admissions committee of you?
61. Let's play defense. What are the weaknesses with your candidacy?
62. Be frank. Why should we let you in?
63. What are the three biggest issues facing medicine?
64. Current events questions.
65. Tell me about a time you've handled conflict.
66. Ethical issues: Hint: It's not your answer as much as your thought process that matters.
67. What's the most fulfilling intellectual experiences that you've had?
68. What didn't you like about Drake?
69. Tell me about a time you've made something better.
70. What's leadership?
71. Tell me about your leadership style.
72. Are you comfortable with your own mortality?
73. What do you do when you're alone?
74. Is humility important for a doctor? On a scale of 1 to 10, rate yours.
75. If you could be any part of the human body, what would it be?
76. Tell me about your research (if you had some listed – if not, its really OK, you can still get in).
77. Tell me about your volunteer experience.
78. Tell me about your clinical experiences.
79. What was your favorite class?
80. If you couldn't be a physician, what would you be?
81. What will a typical day look like for you in 15 years?
82. How would your friends describe you?
83. What's an improvement in yourself that you have been working on?
84. What are you reading?
85. Tell me about a time when you went out of your way to care for someone?
86. What do you do in your free time?
87. What is the one thing that you most want the admissions committee to know about you?
88. When you're on a team, what role do you want to play?
89. What is Alzheimer's disease?

Some facts you may want to use:

The US spends about 17.5% of total GNP on health, more than twice any other industrialized country, but our health indicators are the same.

About 80% of health costs are in the last two years of life.

Know the leading causes of mortality and how those have changed.