

University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (UHS-COM)  
Kansas City, MO

Interview Date: March 14, 2001

**The Day:** The day lasted from 9:30 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. The Vice President spoke with the entire group (about twenty-five) and showed us a short video to begin the day. We then took a tour and had lunch with current students. The interviews lasted from 1:00 – 3:30 that afternoon.

**The Interview:** All of the interviewees waited in a student lounge to be called for their interview. Dr. Morris, D.O., head of Osteopathic Principles and Practices, and Dr. El-Sawi, Ph.D. from the Microbiology Department, interviewed me. The interviews lasted anywhere from thirty to forty-five minutes with each student. Both of my interviewers were very friendly and laid back. When I arrived, they introduced themselves and asked general questions. They seemed to want to get to know my personality more than anything. They asked about my experience with a D.O., what I saw, what I did, and what I learned. They asked about my volunteer activities while I was at school and about my current jobs. They also questioned me about my extracurricular involvement and other methods of relieving stress. At the end of the interview, they gave me a chance to ask them questions. I asked about their education backgrounds, and I asked why I should choose UHS over another osteopathic school. Both had an extensive list for my first question and a very strong response to my second. I was not asked any ethical questions or the typical, “Why D.O. school?,” question. However, several other students were asked those types of questions. Overall, it was a very relaxed environment, and I enjoyed the day.

**General Info:** Most interviewees wore suits. Some women wore pants, but most wore skirts. The current students, as well as the Vice President, told us that between 80% and 85% of the interviewees get accepted. A good site to look at before your interviews is [interviewfeedback.com](http://interviewfeedback.com). It will help you prepare for any school’s interview process.