

What kind of questions can I expect in my interview?

Ice-breakers:

- 1) If you could start your college career all over again, what would you do differently?
- 2) What are your hobbies?
- 3) Who is your hero and why?
- 4) Discuss a book that you've read recently for pleasure. Why did this book interest you?
- 5) If you won the lottery tomorrow, what would you do with your winnings?
- 6) How would your peers describe you?
- 7) Who would you say has been the most influential person in the last 100 years?
- 8) What are the things that you value most? How do they align with your decision to enter this health profession?

Questions that demonstrate your cultural competence and ethical thinking:

- 1) Describe a time that you worked with a population that was much different from yours. What was that like? What did you learn?
- 2) What do you believe to be some of the most pressing health issues today? Why?
- 3) What do you consider an important/the most important social problem facing the United States today and why?
- 4) Is today's healthcare system in the United States fair for all? Why or why not?
- 5) How do you feel about euthanasia or medically assisted suicide?
- 6) To what extent do you feel that you owe a debt to your fellow man? To what extent do you owe a debt to those less fortunate than yourself? Please explain.
- 7) If you had a choice to give a transplant to an elderly person or a young drug addict, who would you choose, and why?
- 8) If you discovered a classmate cheating, what would you do?
- 9) If there were an accident on the highway, would you stop and help victims, even if it could lead to a malpractice claim against you?
- 10) How do you help people who don't want to be helped?
- 11) What are some of the ethical implications for medical trips abroad?

Questions that assess your teamwork skills:

- 1) Tell me about a time when you collaborated on a project. What were some challenges? Was it successful?
- 2) Tell me about a time when you had to compromise.
- 3) Give an example of a time where you took initiative.

Questions about your motivation for health profession school:

- 1) Why are you pursuing this health profession?
- 2) How have the jobs, volunteer opportunities, or extracurricular experiences in which you have participated helped you decide on this health profession?
- 3) Describe the health professional you would want taking care of your loved ones. How do you embody these ideals?
- 4) Can you tell me about a meaningful interaction you've had with a patient?
- 5) How will your personal background influence your role as a healthcare professional?
- 6) Is there anything else we have not covered that you feel we should know about you or your interest in becoming a healthcare professional?

Questions about your grit, resiliency, and coping skills:

- 1) Does your academic record reflect any challenges? If so, what are they and why did they occur? How did you overcome them?
- 2) Who do you confide in and/or turn to for advice when you are going through a difficult time?
- 3) How do you handle disappointment? Provide an example.
- 4) What are some sacrifices you will have to make while in health profession school and as a healthcare professional?
- 5) Describe a time when you were criticized unfairly. How did you respond to it?

These are a sample of some general interview questions; however certain professional schools may ask specific questions about that profession/school. This is not an exhaustive list of professions or interview questions.