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.