Medical School Sample Interview Questions

- Why do you want to be a doctor?
- What do you do in your spare time?
- What are your specific goals in medicine?
- What stimulated your interest in medicine?
- What do you think about the socialization of medicine?
- What are your opinions on abortion?
- What schools have you applied to and why?
- What do you intend to gain from your medical education?
- What do you think about euthanasia?
- Why do you think so many people want to be physicians?
- Do you think minorities should be given special admission consideration?
- How do you plan to finance your medical education?
- Would you tell your patient she has eight months to live, etc.?
- Pretend you are me, and I am you: What would you look for in an applicant?
- There are 1,000 applicants as qualified as you. Why should we choose you?
- Why do doctors have one of the highest suicide rates among professionals?
- What step have you taken to acquaint yourself with what a physician does?
- How would your plans differ if we were now under socialized medicine?
- How much money do you expect to earn as a physician?
- Who would you like to see as President of the U.S. and why?
- What do you think the most pressing issue in medicine today?
- What would you like to do if you are not accepted into medical school?
- Should doctors be required to serve two years in public service?
- What are your positive qualities and what are your negative qualities?
- How do you think you fit into the medical profession as person?
- How do you think your role as physician fits in with your role as a member of the community?
- Describe your personality?
- Of what value can you be to our school?
• What are the best and worst things that have ever happened to you?
• What will you be doing in medicine 10 years from now?
• Is medicine a rewarding experience? Why?
• Would you practice medicine in a low-income area?
• What do you think happens to persons who practice medicine in these environments?
• If there were an accident on the freeway, and knowing about the present malpractice claims, would you stop and help the victim(s)?
• What would you do to solve the current maldistribution of doctors in the U.S.?
• What aspects of your life experiences do you thing makes you a good candidate for medical school?
• If your best friends were asked to describe you, what would they say?
• Did anyone you know influence your career? Do you have family members who are doctors?
  a. What do they think of the field?
  b. How has their lives changed over the past few years with the changes in medicine?
  c. Do you want to follow in their footsteps?
• Which field of medicine are you interested in?
• What kind of experiences do you have in the medical field?
• Where do you plan to practice?
• What are your goals in medicine?
• Where do you see yourself in 15 years?
• Why did you apply to our school? What do you know about our school?
• What could you add to our school?
• Would you go to our program if I gave you an acceptance letter now?
• Why should we choose you?
• What other programs have you applied to? Why?
• Would you prefer to stay on the East or West coast? You have lived in ________ for most of your life. Why would you consider moving to NY now for medical school?
Our school is now looking for a new dean. Does that concern you? Why? Why not?

What other interests do you have?

Do you plan to continue your hobbies through medical school?

If you had one day to do anything, what would you do?

What was the last book you read?
  a. What did you think about it?
  b. Would you recommend that I read it?
  c. The last movie you saw?
  d. What did you think of it?

What was the last medical book you read/studied?

Which classes did you enjoy the most? the least? Why?

What was the toughest part of school for you?

If you were stranded on an island, what three books would you want to have with you and why?

What would you change about yourself?

Is there something about you that would make it difficult to get along with you?

What type of people do you get along with?

Describe the most exciting (scary, unusual, etc.) event of your life?

What do you think will be the most difficult aspect of medical school?

Imagine that you find a lamp that gives you three wishes? What would they be?

What qualities would you look for in a doctor?

What qualities would you look for in a patient?

If you could be any animal/body organ/cell, what would you be and why?

Who do you admire the most in your life?

If you could chose one figure in history to have dinner with, who would it be?

Have you always put your best effort in every situation?

Tell me about something that you know a lot about?

Teach me something new.

What would you do if you saw a fellow med student cheating on an exam?

What are your thoughts on abortion? Euthanasia?
• How would you tell your patient that he has cancer?
• If you are held up at gunpoint with your wife (mom, etc.), what would you do?
• What do you think of affirmative action?
• If an AIDS patient were bleeding profusely from a laceration what would you do?
  What if you do not have gloves? What if you have an open sore on your hands?
• What do you think of herbal/ alternative medicine? Should people choose them over
  traditional medicines?
• What would you do if a family member decides to solely depend on alternative
  medicine for his treatment of a significant illness (cancer, etc.).
• What are your thoughts on Medicare reform? HMO’s? PPO’s? etc.?
• How would you improve our preventive care settings?
• How would you improve access to care in this country?
• Do you feel that the government should be involved with mandating insurance?
  subsidizing insurance?
• How would you control the cost of healthcare?
• Do you think doctors are getting paid too much? Too little?
• Do you think that decreasing the salaries of physicians can solve our health care
  cost issues? How about socialized medicine?
• What do you think of the doctor shortage/oversupply in different areas? How would
  you improve this situation?
• Why do you think the number of applicants has been growing every year despite the
  problems we face in medicine?