

# Mock Interview Guidelines

Health Professions

**Mock Interviews** give applicants to a health professions school the opportunity to practice interviewing in a less threatening environment.

Value of doing the mock interview:

- *You can process what you learned about yourself to improve for actual interviews.*
- *Feedback received will facilitate improvement of your interviewing skills and self-presentation.*

Workshops reviewing Interviewing Strategies are held each fall. If you were unable to attend, contact the department for notes and resources from the meeting.

This is just one of the support services offered by Health Professions to assist you throughout this application cycle. If I can be of any support to you during this process, please contact me directly.

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## Mock Interview Format

- Interviewers: Faculty members of the Health Professions Committee or alumni community members in the health professions
- Simulation: Faculty will provide the interview setting of the school the student will interview
- Mock Interview length: varies, normally an hour total
- Feedback will be provided immediately on your interviewing skills and self-presentation.

## Examples of Questions

- Why are you convinced this is the best health profession for you?
- What interests you about the program to which you are currently applying?
- What has been your most difficult obstacle to overcome in preparing for the health professions?
- What experiences have confirmed your choice of profession?
- What experience have you had with individuals who are underserved in healthcare?

## Scheduling

You are welcome to contact the Health Professions office when you have been invited to interview with a professional school.

An [online form](#) to schedule the mock interview is provided on the Health Professions web site under Services. Contact the office with any questions.

The Health Professions office requests at least one week's notice to schedule a mock interview.

## Student Applicants

Checklist before the interview:

- Schedule mock interview
- Utilize interview resources from the Center for Vocation and Career (Big Interview)

Checklist for the interview:

- Be professional
- Arrive early
- Wear appropriate attire
- Prepare 1-2 questions for interviewers
- Relax and be yourself

## Reference Materials

Holdings in the Resource Center (Meyer Science Center 104) helpful for interviewing include:

- NAAHP. 2014. Interviewing for Health Professions Schools.
- Baffi-Dugan, Carol and Cannon, Robert E. 2013. Health Professions Admissions Guide: Strategy for Success. Tenth Edition. National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, Inc. Illinois.
- Goliszek, Andrew G. 2000. The Complete Medical School Preparation & Admissions Guide. Third Edition. Healthnet Press. North Carolina. (Chapter 8)
- Freeman, Jessica. 2010. The Medical School Interview. MedEdits Publishing.
- Iserson, Kenneth V. 2004. Get Into Medical School! Second Edition. Galen Press, Ltd. Arizona. (Chapters 22-24)
- American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. 2015 Osteopathic Medical College Information Book. (Page 27)
- Rodican, Andrew. 2011. The Ultimate Guide to Getting Into Physician Assistant School. Third Edition. McGraw Hill. (Chapters 7-9)



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