The following is a list of typical questions that you might be asked during an interview for medical school. Read through the questions and prepare appropriate answers that reflect your experiences and knowledge. Be sure to include specific examples from "real life" experiences, including internship(s), clinical, and volunteer experience, in your answers. To gain further practice with interviewing, contact the University Career Center to schedule a mock interview.

1. Why have you decided to pursue medicine as a career?

2. Have you decided what field of medicine you want to go into? Do you know very much about this area? Why did you decide upon this field? Did anyone influence you to go into this specialty?

3. What experience have you had in the health care field?

4. Where else have you applied? Why do you want to go here?

5. What would you consider the greatest challenge facing medicine today?

6. How can physicians maintain their humanistic approach toward patients and still remain objective?

7. What talents do you have that would make you a good physician? What things might you need to improve?

8. If you don’t get into medical school, what will you do?

9. Describe a stressful situation you’ve experienced and how you handled it.

10. If you made a mistake as a physician, how would you handle it?