

**PRE-HEALTH**  
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## **KnowCurrent Issues**

While no interviewer will expect you to know about the nuances of every world event, a general knowledge of major

## Questions to Expect

The experience you have during a health professional school interview will vary from interview to interview. Below is a sample of questions by topic. This is not an exhaustive list but it will give you an idea of what to expect.

### Open Ended

- Tell me about yourself.
- What are your goals?
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## **After the Interview**

It is appropriate to write a thank you note to your interviewers. It can either be a short hand-written note or email, and should be sent immediately after the interview. Also write down your impressions of the school for future reference.

The timing and procedure of the final decision-making process vary greatly from school to school. You may hear within two weeks or not for a few months. You may send any significant additional material that strengthens your candidacy such as fall semester grades or new research publication or health related internship. Additionally, you may ask the interviewer when you might expect to hear a decision about your application.

## **Selecting a Medical School**

Medical schools, like individuals, are very different. Selecting the “best” medical school for you can be challenging. The questions below are designed to help you evaluate the schools you visit. While this list is by no means complete, it can help serve as a base for your own questions. Be sure to research each school before your interview so you can ask informed questions. The interview can be one of the most valuable resources to help you decide on where to

17. What type of clinical sites—ambulatory, private preceptors, private hospitals, and rural settings, international—are available or required for clerkships? Does this school allow for students to do rotations at other institutions or internationally?
18. Is a car necessary for clinical rotations? Is parking a problem?

### **Financial Aid**

19. What is the current tuition and fees? Is this expected to increase yearly? If so, at what rate?
20. Are there stable levels of federal financial aid and substantial amounts of university/medical school endowment aid available to students?
21. Are there students who have an "unmet need" factor in their budget? If so, how do these students come up with the extra funds?
22. Are spouses and dependents/children covered in a student's budget?
23. Are there services/staff available to assist students with budgeting and financial planning?
24. Does this school provide guidance to its students and to its graduates/alumni, on debt management?