## mock interview:

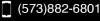
# **MEDICAL**



### **INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

- Tell me about yourself.
- 2. What are your greatest strengths?
- 3. What is an example of a weakness?
- 4. How do you handle stress? What do you do in your spare time?
- 5. Why do you want to become a doctor?
- 6. Tell me about a challenge that you had to overcome. What steps did you take?
- 7. How do you think the U.S. should address the physician shortage problem, particularly in primary doctors in rural areas?
- 8. What will you do if you don't get into medical school?
- 9. What has been your most rewarding experience working with others?
- 10. What do you feel is the most controversial topic in the medical profession? What is your opinion on it?
- 11. How have you handled working with someone that you did not like?
- 12. What do you feel are the most important qualities in being a good doctor? How do you fill those qualities?
- 13. Do you have any questions for us?















#### **MORE PRACTICE**

- 1. What aspects of your life and experiences do you think make you a good candidate for medical school?
- 2. What is your opinion of health care reform and how will it affect your future?
- 3. Tell me about your most meaningful experience helping someone.
- 4. Please explain your grades and MCAT scores.
- 5. What have been your best and worst shadowing experiences?
- 6. How have your shadowing experiences impacted the qualities you believe a doctor should possess?
- 7. Tell me about a time that exemplifies your leadership abilities.
- 8. Tell me about a time when you have been in an ethically questionable situation. How did you react?

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<u>First Impression</u>	Verbal Communication			
□ Appears prepared and confident	☐ Answers questions completely and concisely			
☐ Speaks positively and clearly	☐ Uses STAR method to answer the questions			
☐ Smiles ☺	☐ Shows professional knowledge and attitude			
Non-Verbal Communication	☐ Avoids using filler words (e.g., "um")			
☐ Maintains enthusiasm and confidence	☐ Highlights the strengths with examples			
☐ Keeps eye contact	☐ Explains steps taken to make improvement on			
☐ Uses proper facial expressions	weakness			

#### **SELF EVALUATION**

- 1. My three biggest interview strengths are:
- 2. The three things I would have liked to change:
- 3. What were the hardest questions? What will my answer for them be next time?

#### **TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

- 1. Use **Big Interview** <a href="https://missouri.biginterview.com">https://missouri.biginterview.com</a> to record yourself answering questions and share the link with people who can evaluate you. Watch tutorial videos and learn about ways to best prepare and answer questions.
- 2. **Research the program** and use this knowledge to answer questions thoroughly and ask the interviewer informed questions at the end of the interview.
- 3. Dress professionally and make a **confident first impression**: be early, show engaging body language, make good eye contact, and smile.
- 4. Utilize the **STAR** (Situation Task Action Result) method to answer questions where you are asked to provide examples.
- 5. **Target your responses** to what the interviewer is looking for and be ready to share your relevant skills and experiences: be specific and tell stories or give examples that are genuine to you.
- 6. Follow up with a **thank you** email and/or letter within 24-48 hours after the interview.
- 7. Ask **current medical students** about their experience at their programs and that the application process was like, which may help you decide which college or university is the best fit for you.
- 8. **Check out the FAQs** at the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) website: <a href="https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/ask-the-experts/ask-experts-preparing-med-school-interviews/">https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/ask-the-experts/ask-experts-preparing-med-school-interviews/</a>

