

Dental School Interview Questions

Below is a list of possible interview questions for both the mock interview and for the actual interview. Not all questions will be asked during the interviews, but at least one question from each section will be addressed during the mock interview.

About You Questions

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. What are your two best points?
3. What are your two weakest points?
4. What are three things you want to change about yourself?
5. How do you handle conflict?
6. Explain your leadership/research/volunteer experiences?
7. What extracurricular activities are you engaged in?
8. Which of your college courses interested you the most?
9. What interests you outside of dentistry and getting into dental school?
10. Where do you see yourself in five/ten years?
11. What do you do in your spare time?
12. Why did you choose the undergraduate school you went to, and if you could, would you do anything differently?
13. What do you do to relieve stress?
14. What course was most academically challenging for you?
15. Pick three people throughout history, you would choose to have dinner with and then tell why you would pick them?
16. Who are the three most influential people in your life?

About Your Dental School Goal

1. Why do you want to be a dentist?
2. Did you ever consider medical school?
3. When did you decide dentistry was a good career choice for you?
4. What steps have you taken to confirm that you want to be a dentist?
5. What do you think being a dentist entails, apart from treating patients?
6. What do you feel are the most important qualities in being a good dentist?
7. What do you think you will like least about dentistry?
8. What do you think you will like most about dentistry?
9. Dentists require a great deal of hand coordination. Do you play any instruments or do any work with your hands?
10. What did you do to prepare for the DAT?
11. What dental procedures have you seen?
12. How will you handle the stress of dental school?
13. What do you think will be your greatest challenge in completing dental school?
14. Why do you believe you have the ability to undertake the study and work involved in dental school?
15. What branch of dentistry do you think would interest you? Why?
16. Does your family support your decision to become a dentist?
17. What did you like/dislike about the dental offices you have observed?
18. If you are not accepted, what will you do?
19. What would you do if you couldn't be a dentist?

Dental School Questions

1. Why do you want to attend [Dental School Name]?
2. How are you a match for [Dental School Name]?
3. Why should we choose you?
4. Describe your method of learning. How does this fit with this dental school?
5. Take us through your personal statement.
6. What schools did you apply to and why those schools?
7. What do you look for in a good dental school?
8. Why do you want to go to school here?
9. What sets you apart from other applicants?

Current Issue/Scenario Questions

1. How do you think the dental profession has changed over the last 25 years?
2. What is the biggest challenge facing dentistry today?
3. What is the future of dentistry?
4. How would you handle a situation, where one of your patients has AIDS?
5. One day, a dental school classmate gives you a sheet containing questions for an upcoming exam. How would you handle the situation and what issues would you consider important in coming to a decision about what to do?
6. You encounter a non-English speaking patient. How would you handle the situation?
7. Name a situation where you had to make an ethical decision. What did you do?
8. If you are accepted into two dental schools of your top choice, what would you do to make up your mind?
9. Tell me a time when you witnessed dishonesty and what did you do?
10. Is amalgam safe to use in dentistry?
11. What are the responsibilities of a dentist to a patient?