

Moon Prep Interview Tips

Congratulations for being selected for an interview! Below are a few tips to stand out.



Open File Vs Closed File

Open File: Interviewers can see your applications

Closed Interview: Interviewers will be blinded to your application

Pro Tip: Always pretend that you are going to a closed-file interview. Be prepared to tell the stories on your application in detail.

General Tips

1. Review your personal statement and application.
2. Answer confidently and firmly. Support all stances.
3. Be professional.
4. Practice! Schedule at least 3 sessions of practice and feedback with your Moon Prep Counselor.

Do's and Don't

DO:	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a positive attitude• Be yourself• Be kind to ALL staff/ admissions/ interviewers/ other students• Be engaged• Make eye contact• Smile :)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be negative– talk poorly about your past experiences or other people• Pretend to be someone you think they want you to be• Play with your phone• Don't be afraid of your weaknesses

Pro Tip: Be confident and focused.

What should you bring?

Identification
Water and Snacks
Comfortable shoes & Band-aids
Notebook and Pen
Extra Copies of CV/ Resume
Questions for interviewer (3–5 recommended)
Wear Business Professional attire

Pro Tip: Show up at least 15-20 minutes before your scheduled time

Stories to Tell

- Diversity: Interact with people of a different backgrounds
- Conflict Resolution: Overcoming an obstacle or failure
- Making a change
- Strength and Weaknesses
- Leadership Roles
- Fun fact (activity)
- Most significant activity/ research
- Why our schools/ Why this area?
- Your academic and career goals

Pro Tip: Review the AAMC Core competencies

Strength Vs Weaknesses

Strength Examples	Weakness Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership• Organized• Detailed–Oriented• Dependable• Persistent• Resilient• Problem–Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nervous in front of people• Taking on too much work• Lacking leadership skills• Poor communication skills• Self Confidence• Difficulty seeing other people's side• Lacking experience

Pro Tip: Don't say "I'm a perfectionist/ I'm working too hard". It's important to pick real examples that show you are working on improving your weaknesses.

Common Interview Questions

1. Tell me about yourself
2. What do you do for fun?
3. What are your strengths and weaknesses
4. Explain something bad about your application
5. Weird questions
6. Where else are you applying?
7. Why our program?
8. Current Events/ Healthcare
9. Why Medicine?
10. Ethics
11. What would you be if you could not be a doctor
12. DO Schools– Osteopathic Tenets

Pro Tip: Be sure to prepare questions for your interviewers to show you've researched the school and have interest in specific aspects of their programs

Pro Tip: Review ethics scenarios