

COMPREHENSIVE INTERVIEW PREP FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL & DIRECT MEDICAL PROGRAMS

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Congratulations on your interview! You are one step closer to pursuing your dream in medicine. The interview process is not only designed to learn about your background, but also to assess your understanding of the healthcare system and expectations of your duties as a physician. From our years of preparing students for interviews, we have noticed that students consistently lack a thorough understanding of issues in the healthcare system and ethics. Our interview prep addresses this shortcoming.

The Moon Prep team will work with you to set the foundation for you to be successful during your interview. Our prep sessions help to frame and polish your answers to the most common questions you expect to see at a BS/MD or medical school interview. Whether you have a traditional interview or Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI), you can always expect a mix of general questions, ethics, and healthcare issues.

Moon Prep comprehensively prepares you to answer tough questions with structures and formulas that are not taught elsewhere.

Moon Prep will help you:

- Stand out among other candidates in your interview cohort
- Impress your interviewers
- Shape your understanding of the healthcare field

You will work one-on-one with an advisor who is experienced in these topics to develop your understanding of healthcare issues and perfect your approach to ethics.



CURRICULUM

We recommend 5 sessions to prepare for your first interview. This will lay the groundwork for success. Additional interview sessions will be customized for the school or program you are interviewing at. Each class will be a one-on-one Zoom video meeting with your interview specialist. Each session is estimated to be 90 to 100 minutes to allow for sufficient time to discuss important healthcare issues and refine answers to practice questions. In the first three sessions, students will engage in a lesson with their interview specialist and practice interview questions with the remaining time. The remaining two sessions will be mock sessions with detailed feedback.

Session	Topics
1	STANDARD INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
2	HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS
3	ETHICS
4	MOCK FACULTY INTERVIEW AND FEEDBACK
5	MOCK MMI AND FEEDBACK SESSION



SESSION 1: TRADITIONAL QUESTIONS

This session will focus on the most commonly asked questions in BS/MD and medical school interviews. It is important to brainstorm and practice the core concepts as they can appear in both one-on-one interviews and MMI.

Topics:

1. Review of activities and goals
2. Personal Qualities
3. Approach to commonly asked questions
4. Storytelling
5. Self-reflection

Sample Practice Questions

- Tell me about yourself
- What do you like to do for fun?
- Tell us about a challenge you overcame
- Tell us about your most meaningful activity
- Why medicine?
- Why this school?
- How will you contribute to the diversity of our class?

Post-Session Assignment

Prior to Session 2, please research the following topics below. It is recommended that you come to your session with some background knowledge to discuss with your interview specialist.



SESSION 2: HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

Medical schools expect students to have an adequate understanding of a healthcare system for which they are preparing for a career in. Oftentimes, the mission and values of the schools are directly related to improving healthcare within the community. While students do not need to know all the nuances of the healthcare system, a strong understanding of systematic issues can demonstrate an alignment of goals between the candidate and the school.

Topics:

1. Physician shortage especially in primary care
2. Diversity in Medicine/ Health equity
3. Burnout
4. Health literacy
5. Behavioral/ Addiction medicine
6. Barriers to healthcare: Transportation, affordability, infrastructure
7. Rural medicine vs underserved medicine
8. Insurances: Medicare vs Medicaid

After the session, select your top 3 topics of interest.

Sample Practice Questions

- What are some major issues in healthcare? What are some solutions that you can provide?
- What is your opinion on the current state of healthcare today?
- What are some challenges that you expect to face as a physician and how will you manage them?
- What is your opinion on universal healthcare?

Post-Session Assignment

Prior to Session 3, review the MMI Handout.



SESSION 3: ETHICS

Although ethics is most commonly encountered in MMI, it can also be expected in traditional interviews. These questions are designed to reflect your communication, interpersonal, and intrapersonal skills, as well as professionalism. Students are not expected to know the protocols for medical treatment; however, students must be able to thoroughly explain their logical approach to the situations.

Ethics can be seen in the form of scenarios or role-playing. These questions can reflect situations in daily life or in medicine.

Topics:

1. 4 step approach for ethics
2. Review of common mistakes in ethics
3. Ethical Pillars
4. Medical and non-medical ethical scenarios

Sample Practice Questions

- A 15-year-old female comes in and requests birth control. She does not want you to tell her parents. How do you respond?
- You are caring for a patient who is in a great deal of pain and does not speak English. How do you respond?
- What are some implications of doctors having a presence on social media?
- If you were constructing a study group of 4 people, how would you select your study partners?
- What would you do if the parents of a patient refused treatment for their child's club foot because the club foot was a blessing in their culture and treatment would bring shame to the family?



SESSION 4: MOCK FACULTY INTERVIEW

Put your interview skills to the test! In this session, a faculty interview will be simulated. You will be asked a set of the most commonly asked questions and given feedback on how to improve your answers. Attention to speaking pace and body language will also be assessed. Our interview coaches are trained to challenge you to ensure you are adequately prepared.

SESSION 5: MOCK MMI INTERVIEW

Test your knowledge of this unique interview format! In this session, an MMI interview will be simulated. You will be asked a set of ethical and behavioral scenarios, as well as self-reflection questions. This session will replicate an MMI session: you will have 2 minutes to read the question and 6-8 minutes to provide your response and answer follow up questions. Attention to your logical process and answer structures will be assessed.

NEED MORE PRACTICE?

The entire interview prep is customized for the student. We recommend starting with 5 sessions, but this can vary due to the amount of time available and the needs of the student. After completing the initial 5 sessions, we recommend completing a school-specific interview session prior to each interview. Additional sessions with an interview specialist can be added on as needed.

You made it this far - a huge accomplishment - let us help you secure that Acceptance Letter!

