

Professional School Interview Preparation

- Examples include: size of school, prestige, areas of study, students, faculty, nearness to my home, recommendations of others, sports?
- Why did I study _____ and how happy am I with this choice?
 - Examples might include: job opportunities, personal abilities, reputation of the school, subject matter, challenge, and advice from parents, advisors, or faculty.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Taking Part in the Interview</h2>
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- Be on time -- even early, but no more than 10 minutes.
- Be neat and appropriately dressed.
- Bring a leather binder and pen to take notes.
- Be polite and courteous to **everyone** you meet.
- Go into the interview with the mindset **they want you!**
- Do not arrive at the interview expecting the worst; the worst may happen because you expect it.
- Remember that the first 3-4 minutes are crucial to a successful interview.
- Be interested in the interview and the school and show it! SMILE! A positive attitude makes a great impression.
- When answering questions:
 - Listen carefully to each question and to information given.
 - Do not interrupt or try to second guess the interviewer.
 - Think before answering tough questions.
 - Do not try to bluff the interviewer; if you do not know an answer, say so.
 - Answer all questions thoroughly, honestly, to the point, and with good grammar and choice of language.
 - Avoid overkill in answers.
 - Avoid under kill in answers.
 - Do not make excuses or be defensive; give reasons and explanations for weaknesses or past problems.
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Experiences: vocationally oriented curricular and extra curricular activities in college, work with people in the chosen field.

Knowledge and exposure to: of current events and trends, of the theories and practical applications of these theories to the chosen field.

Physical bearing: poise, appearance (neatness, appropriate dress, grooming).

Sample Interview Questions

Maturity

- What major decisions have you made on your own?
- What responsibilities have you had? How did you solve a difficult problem in your life?
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- ability?
- How will you pay for professional school?
- How do you measure success?
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- Who is your hero?

Strengths and Weaknesses

- What are three things you want to change about yourself?
- What is the one thing that distinguishes you from the rest of the candidates?
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