

SAMPLE OF POSSIBLE QUESTIONS ASKED AT A DENTAL SCHOOL INTERVIEW

Personal Background

- Tell me about yourself
- How do you relax? What do you do in your spare time,?
- If I asked your peers to describe you, what do you think they would say?
- How would your professors, internship supervisors and employers describe you?
- What motivates you?
- What was the most difficult decision you ever had to make? How did you reach such a decision?
- What is your biggest mistake/failure and what did you learn from it?
- What do you consider to be your greatest asset?
- What is your greatest weakness? What have you done so far to try to improve in this area?

Educational Background

- What was your favorite class in college?
- Have you ever been involved in research?'
- Why did you decide to be a _____ major? How do you think your major prepared you for dental school?

Career Planning

- Why are you interested in dentistry? .How do you know that dentistry is a good career choice for you?
- Why have you selected dentistry over other health care fields?
- Why did you apply to this school? What other schools did you apply to?
- What do you see yourself doing ten years from now, professionally, personally, etc.? What would you do if you were not accepted to dental school?'

Dentistry As A Profession

- How would you describe the "idea!" dentist?
- What is your understanding of a typical day for a dentist?
- What concerns do you have about becoming a dentist?
- How would you feel about working for a health maintenance organization? What appeals the most to you about being a dentist?

Health Care Environment

- What do you think is the impact of insurance regulations, threats of malpractice, etc. on the dental profession?
- How do you think managed care is going to affect your future as a dental student and as a dentist?
- To what extent do you think the Government should get involved with health care? Why?
- Do you think there are enough dentists in our communities?

Ethics

- Do you think that HIV positive dentists should be allowed to practice?
- Do you think that expensive dental procedures should be suspended for elderly people? If yes, when and why?

A Sample of Questions for You to Ask!

- ~ What is the greatest strength of your program?
- ~ In your opinion, what areas of your program could be enhanced? How are these issues being currently addressed?
- ~ How soon may I expect to engage in patient contact?
- ~ What kind of research opportunities are available at your school?
- ~ How would you describe the campus atmosphere? What can you tell me about the school's philosophy?
- ~ How would you describe a typical entering class (backgrounds, age, etc.)
- ~ What is the attrition rate at your institution?
- ~ How successful are your students in entering graduate programs and residencies?
- ~ What kinds of alumni/ae connections do exist for assistance with placement issues?