



# INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

## DENTAL

### INTERESTS & EXPERIENCES

#### Why Dentistry

- Why have you chosen to pursue this profession?
- What interests you about this profession?
- What are you looking for in this profession?
- What do you have to offer the profession?
- Who or what has influenced you in this decision?
- When did you make this decision?

#### Knowledge of Profession

- Are you aware of the multifaceted nature of Dentistry?
- Are you aware of options in the profession?
- Are you aware of issues facing Dentistry today?

#### Observation Hours & Experiences

- How many hours?
- What types of practices? Any specialties?
- Have you worked as a dental hygienist, dental assistant or lab tech?
- Favorite thing you observed or highlights of your observation experience?

#### Hand Skills

- Do you enjoy working with your hands?
- What hobbies do you have that require hand skills?
- Any art / graphics / design background or courses?

#### Dental Interests & Groups

- Do you have specific interests related to Dentistry?
- Involved in pre-dental groups?
- Any leadership roles in pre-dental groups?

## NON-DENTAL

### INTERESTS & EXPERIENCES

#### Academic and Research Experience

- How would you describe your overall academic performance?
- Are you happy with your academic performance?
- Are you happy with your DAT performance?
- What has been the highlight of your academic years?
- Do you enjoy the sciences?
- Do you have any research background or experience?  
If yes, what interests you in research? Describe your experiences.
- What type of learner are you?
- Describe how and where you study best.

### **Employment Experiences**

- Describe your work ethic.
- Did you work while attending school?
- What was your first / last job?
- What was your best job? Why?
- What would your last employer say about you?
- Which job was most difficult for you? Why?

### **Volunteer Experiences**

- Describe your volunteer experiences.
- Are you committed to any long term volunteer projects?
- Which was your most rewarding volunteer experience and why?

### **Probability to Serve**

- Are you aware of areas in Ohio that are identified as underserved and have been identified as having a dental health professional shortage?
- Do you have any experiences volunteering in such underserved areas?
- Did you grow up in an area that has a dental health professional shortage?
- After obtaining your DDS, where do you plan on practicing?

### **Organizations / Group Activities / Leadership**

- What non-dental organizations or groups have you been involved with?
- Have you held any leadership positions?

### **General Interests / Hobbies / Music / Sports**

- How do you spend your time outside of school?
- Hobbies/music/sports?
- What kind of books do you like to read?
- Tell me about a recent book you have read.
- What is your favorite book / movie / website?

## **PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES & LIFE EXPERIENCES**

### **Motivation / Passion / Integrity**

- What motivates you to learn?
- What motivates you to excel?
- What are you passionate about?
- How important is integrity in your daily life?

### **Creativity / Attention to Details / Excellence**

- Are you a creative person? Give examples.
- How would you describe your creativity?
- Are you a “big picture” or “details” person?
- In academics, how do you recognize excellence?
- How can you help our College promote excellence?

### **Organizational Skills / Time Management Skills**

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how organized are you?
- Why did you choose to take as many/few credit hours per term as you did?
- How did you manage your time among school, work, and/or other activities?

## Strengths & Weaknesses

- What are your strengths?
- What are your weaknesses?

## Responsibility / Self-Reliance / Obstacles

- What is your experience with independence?
- What is the biggest responsibility that you have ever had?
- Have you had any significant obstacles in your life? If so, what did you do to overcome them?

## INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

### Professional Appearance and Behavior

- What role (if any) does appearance play in a profession?
- How do you handle conflict?
- How do you handle stress?

### Attitude & Enthusiasm Towards Others

- Tell us about your attitude towards others.
- Tell us about your people skills.

### Teamwork Experience / Cooperative Spirit

- Do you prefer to work alone or on a team?
- What is your experience with teamwork?
- Describe the people you work with best.
- Describe the people you find most difficult to work with.
- Are you a worker bee, team leader, or both?
- How would your best friend describe you?

## MISCELLANEOUS

- How are you unique?
- Since everyone is unique, what can you add to our dental class in terms of diversity?
  
- What would you do if you won the lottery today?
- If you had three wishes what would they be and why?
- If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go first?
  
- If you were to write a book about your life, what would you title it?
- What role does humor play in your life? Can you laugh at yourself?
- What is your most embarrassing moment?
  
- Describe a day without stress.
- If you are stressed, what signs occur and what do you do about it?
  
- Why should we choose you for the Dental Class of 2011?
- After this interview what should we remember most about you?