Medical or dental schools may request that you come for an interview anytime, but most conduct them in the fall semester. Prepare for your interview by reviewing a copy of your application, identifying your strengths and weaknesses, and researching the school.

Be ready to ask good questions, give good responses and be confident, but not arrogant. Do not worry about being a bit nervous; it is expected.

Interviewers may ask questions to which there may not be an accepted answer, but your answer may only demonstrate your ability to think. Your interview should convince the interviewer that you have the personality and presence to make an excellent physician or dentist. Be prepared to answer questions about current events in the medical/dental field. Finally, you should be ready with a good question or two for the interviewer(s).

Appearance is just as important as the way you answer questions. Both men and women should wear conservative clothing, and exclude excessive jewelry, piercings in atypical, but obvious places, and displaying too much skin (e.g. sleeveless blouses, and short skirts).

Q. Tell me about yourself.
A. A brief chronological history is a good way to answer.

Q. Why do you want to be a physician or dentist?
A. This is a tough question, as if there is only one correct answer. Consider what has been your personal driving force getting you to come to this decision in your life.

Q. What do you see yourself doing in 10/15 years?
A. Try to include personal as well as professional goals. Consider early thoughts of specialties as well as working environment.

Q. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
A. Pick one of each and do not spend too much time on either. An alternative would be to pick a weakness that you have improved on and tell how you have done so.

Q. Why do you want to come to our school?
A. Research the unique qualities of that school and think about why you want to go there.
Q. To what other schools have you applied?
A. You probably do not have to answer this, but it may be best to answer honestly.

Q. What is the advantage of attending a Christian liberal arts college?
A. Be careful with this one and be consistent with your answers.

Additional questions schools may ask include:
Q. What experiences have helped shape your decision?
Q. What are the problems with Medicare?
Q. Do you support HMO’s?
Q. What do you think of DRG’s?
Q. Do you support state aid for abortions?
Q. What are the disadvantages today of the medical profession?
Q. What do you think of the current surgeon-general?

Please feel free to contact the Pre-Medical/Dental Advisor if you have any questions or concerns.