



Medical School Interview Preparation

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University of Glasgow

- ▶ Approx. 30 mins
- ▶ 2 panels of 2 interviewers on each panel
- ▶ Both score independently then scores compared/combined
- ▶ Select one from two scenarios to discuss (ethical)
- ▶ Read up on the course E.g. main components of the course, SSCs, electives, intercalated degrees

University of Dundee

- ▶ Panel Interview
 - ▶ Staff and students from medical school
- ▶ Expect a mixture of practical scenarios and traditional interview questions
 - ▶ 5 scenarios each lasting 6 minutes
- ▶ Research specific aspects of the course!

University of Edinburgh

- ▶ Half day assessment which includes tours of the medical school and a series of short interviews
- ▶ Students invited for interview will receive a detailed interview information pack

University of Aberdeen

- ▶ Multiple mini interviews
- ▶ Approx. 1 hour – (7 min stations)
- ▶ Uni website has a few examples and videos of MMI

University of St Andrews

- ▶ Multiple mini interviews
- ▶ 6 mini interviews (6 mins each)
- ▶ Important to mention 6 years and 2 universities

Purpose of interviews

- ▶ Interviews aim to identify students who have the core attributes required of medical doctors as detailed in the Medical School Council's core values document which can be found on the website:
- ▶ <https://www.medschools.ac.uk/media/2542/statement-on-core-values-to-study-medicine.pdf>

Core Values & Attributes

Develop and maintain Professionalism

- ▶ Motivation / interest in medicine
- ▶ Insight into your own strengths and weaknesses
- ▶ The ability to reflect on your own work
- ▶ Organisation

Apply Knowledge and experience to Clinical Practice

- ▶ Academic ability
- ▶ Problem solving
- ▶ Dealing with uncertainty

Recording your work clearly, accurately and legibly

- ▶ Effective communication
- ▶ Teamwork

Contribute and comply to systems designed to protect patients

- ▶ Manage risk and deal with problems effectively

Respond to risks safely

- ▶ Conscientiousness
- ▶ Ability to take responsibility for your own actions

Work with colleagues to improve patient care

- ▶ Teamwork

Teaching training and assessing

- ▶ Effective communication
- ▶ Duty to teach

Establish and maintain partnerships with patients

- ▶ Respectful
- ▶ Effective communication
- ▶ Empathy

Act with honesty and integrity

- ▶ Honesty
- ▶ Ability to take responsibility for your own actions

Preparation for Interviews

- ▶ Why medicine?
 - ▶ Make it personal, you can mention you have considered other options
- ▶ Why that particular university?
 - ▶ Edinburgh and St Andrews are very research focussed
 - ▶ Dundee have a greater emphasis on early clinical skills
 - ▶ Glasgow encourage self-directed learning
 - ▶ Aberdeen offers rural medicine and GP enhanced programme
- ▶ Why the city?
- ▶ Look up specific aspects of each medicine course
 - ▶ E.g. Spiral curriculum, intercalated degree, PBL, how they deliver anatomy teaching

Preparation for Interviews

- ▶ Read up on current medical issues, doesn't need to be complicated e.g. BBC health news
- ▶ Be confident in discussing medical ethics
 - ▶ Beneficence, non-maleficence, autonomy and justice
- ▶ Have a look at GMC website – Tomorrow's Doctors
- ▶ What are your plans if you don't get accepted for medicine?
- ▶ Mention the key qualities of a doctor that you feel that you have
 - ▶ Give examples of how you have used these up until now
 - ▶ Your strengths and weaknesses

Questions we remember

- ▶ Tell me about yourself → remember to talk about hobbies!
- ▶ Expect to talk about your work experience/volunteer work
- ▶ What you like/dislike at school – 6th year subject choice
- ▶ Why not nursing/pharmacy/physiotherapy?
- ▶ If you don't get into medicine this year what would you do?
- ▶ What makes a good doctor? So why you?

Questions we remember

- ▶ Prepare an example of team work
 - ▶ Where you utilised problem solving skills ?
 - ▶ Witnessed a good example from work experience?
- ▶ Career aspirations?
- ▶ How long does it take to become.....
- ▶ Expect an ethical scenario/question
- ▶ Know points you have mentioned in your personal statement

Things you can prepare for...

- ▶ Research each university course
- ▶ Know your personal statement
- ▶ Explain what you have done but also reflect on it
- ▶ Research a health topic of interest (e.g. from the news)
- ▶ Know the key ethical principles and how to approach an ethical scenario
- ▶ Always answer the question with a balanced argument

General Interview Tips

- ▶ Arrive/log on early
- ▶ Dress appropriately
- ▶ Be polite and make eye contact
- ▶ Be aware of your body language
- ▶ Listen carefully - don't be afraid to take a pause or ask to rephrase a question
- ▶ Prepare a question for the end of your interview
 - ▶ They often like to ask if you have any questions
- ▶ Stay calm and remain positive
- ▶ Be confident in your answers
- ▶ Be enthusiastic! Show your passion for medicine!



Good Luck!

Any questions?