

16 Common Pharmacy School Admission Interview Questions to Expect

Definitions

- Open File: interview panel will have all of your grades, classes you took, PCAT (pharmacy college admittance test) scores, application, and basically your file in front of them
- Closed file: interview panel will only have your application in front of them

Questions You'll Likely Get Asked in a Closed File Interview

1. What qualities should a pharmacist possess and how do you exemplify them?
2. What would you change about pharmacy?
3. What's a challenge that pharmacists have today?
4. Why is good leadership important in pharmacy?
5. What are you going to do if you don't get into pharmacy school?

Questions You'll Likely Get Asked in an Open File Interview

7. How did you study differently for the PCAT or for a course than last time? (this is applicable if the PCAT or a course was taken more than once)
8. Can you tell us about a time when you worked really hard at something and didn't succeed? What did you do?
9. From your volunteer experiences, what really opened your eyes?

6. Where do you see yourself professionally 5 years from now?

10. What do you do when you are stressed?

11. What's different about pharmacy compared to another healthcare field, such as nursing? Why do you want to pick pharmacy instead?

Common Interview Questions Regardless of Open or Closed File:

12. Tell me about yourself.
13. Why do you want to be a pharmacist?
14. What field of pharmacy do you see yourself working in?
15. What are your strengths that would help you as a pharmacist?
16. What are your weaknesses?