Practice for your Interview!
Pre-Health Advising Center
Today’s Agenda

- Why interview?
- Types of interviews
- Interviewing tips
- Practice!
  - Greet and Settle
  - Opening Gambit
  - Interview Agenda
  - Question and Answer
  - Closing
- Feedback
Why interview?

- Assess compatibility
- Oral communication skills
- What your application does not say
- Address areas of concern
- Ask questions
Types of Interviews

- **1:1**
  - One applicant, one interviewer

- **Panel**
  - One applicant, multiple interviewers

- **Group**
  - Multiple applicants, one or more interviewers

- **Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)**
  - Multiple applicants, multiple interviewers
The Interview Process

Before the Interview

The Day of the Interview

After the Interview
Before the Interview

- Visit the campus
- Review your application
- Practice!
  - PAC Director
  - Mānoa Career Center
Before the Interview

- Research
  - School/program
  - Interviewer
  - Career field
- What are you going to say?
  - Opening Gambit
  - Questions
Before the Interview

- Transportation and lodging
- Familiarization with the area
- Find the exact location the day before
Before the Interview

- Plan what to wear
- Comfortable and conservative
- Jewelry, tattoos, and personal hygiene
- Geographical differences

**DO**

**DON’T**
On Interview Day

- Arrive early
- Be polite
- Greet people around you
- First impressions stick.
  Make yours positive!
- Relax!
On Interview Day

- Stages of an interview
  - Check-in
  - Greet and Settle
  - Opening gambit
  - Body
  - Questions
  - Anything additional not covered
  - Close and thanks
After the Interview

- Follow up
- Send thank you cards to your interviewers
Interview Tips

- Meet and greet
- Opening gambit
- Answering and asking questions
- Closing the interview
Meet and Greet

- Remember!
- Eye contact
- Hand shake
- Thank them for interviewing with you
Opening Gambit

- A few sentences about who you are
Answering and Asking Questions

- Make sure to have specific examples ready
- Body language!
- Chance to get questions about school answered
- Ask thoughtful questions!
Sample Questions

How did you choose (health field)?

What do you hope to accomplish in life by becoming a physician/lawyer/pharmacist? What will you do with life if you do not become a physician/lawyer/pharmacist/etc? Why did you choose to apply to this school?

You are caring for a patient from the Middle East who has recently been diagnosed with uterine cancer. She and her husband arrive together for her next appointment, he accompanies her into the examining room (she does not object), and he demands to hear her diagnosis. How do you handle the situation?

If you were the governor of Hawai`i, how would you reduce physician shortages in the outer islands?

If you have 10 patients all in serious need of a treatment they can’t afford, but you are able to give it for free to half of them, who would you choose and why?

Have you ever coped with stressful situations in the past and how did you handle them?
Sample Questions

For more sample questions see
http://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/pac/health/interview-questions/
Closing the Interview

- Hand shake
- Thank them for their time
Guest Interviewers

- Thomas Tsutsumoto, MCC
- Jolene Muneno, CoE
- Steven Kumasaka, DDS
Now it’s your turn!

1. Go to your designated interviewer

2. Remember:
   a. Meet and Greet
   b. Opening Gambit
   c. Questions
   d. Close the Interview
Feedback
Questions?
Resources
Contact us!

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Thank You!

Thank you for attending!
Please turn in your evaluation forms!