

Office of Admissions – Interview Tips

<i>Interview Type</i>	Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) 2:1	Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) 1:1	Group Activity	Traditional Interview
Number of applicants	2 applicants : 1 evaluator	1 applicant : 1 evaluator	5 applicants : 1 evaluator	1 applicant : 1 interviewer
Length of interview	7 minutes	7 minutes	12 minutes	25-30 minutes
Number of each interview type	2	1	1	1
Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partners, groups, and interviewers are randomly assigned. - Remain professional. 			
<p><i>-If you are shy or quiet and do not participate in interview day, the evaluators have a difficult time providing any feedback regarding you as an applicant.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluators are silent participants. - Length of activity includes time to read the prompt. - Prompts are open-ended. - There is no right or wrong answer! - Stay on track with the prompt. Going off topic is not helpful to your evaluator/evaluation. - Applicants have complete control over the time. You can determine the amount of time spent brainstorming, thinking, and how much time is spent discussing the prompt out loud. - Brainstorming can be done together, independently, and/or in writing (out loud or in silence). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are not counting how many words you can say in the allotted time. - The purpose is to initiate open conversation and discussion. - You can pause and continue speaking as you think. Silence as a form of brainstorming is not a negative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You have the ability to agree or disagree with the other applicant(s). - Applicants can change their mind about their responses throughout the activity. - We are looking to see your thought process and your perspective as well as how you gained that perspective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We know you want to be a dentist. We are not looking for a dental-related responses. - Work as a team. - You discuss and work together, however you are evaluated individually. - Prompts can be serious but also can be ask questions like, “What animal to you relate to and why?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There may be a follow-up question. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don't be afraid to provide thought-provoking responses that are realistic. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You will stay with the same partner across the 2 2:1 MMI's. - Partners are meant to be having a conversation with each other throughout the MMI regarding the prompt. Imagine you are out having coffee with a friend and discussing a topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Although it is just you and the evaluator, the prompt is one-sided. There is no back and forth discussions between you and the evaluator. You are just giving your perspective and response out loud. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The purpose is to initiate open and creative conversation and discussion. - Activity is less formal than a traditional interview. Enjoy it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Applicants will be interviewed by a dentist. -Introduce yourself when you walk into the room. -It is a conversation between the applicant and interviewer. -Interviewers and the admissions committee want to learn more about you, outside of what you have included in your application.

