Application Questionnaire

Please type the answers to the following questions. Each answer should be complete (more than a few words). Submit to Carry Teshka along with your Intent to Apply form via e-mail at Teshka.3@nd.edu. The next day, call the office at 574 631 4890 to obtain an appointment for your interview with a Health Sciences Advisor. Interviews will start in January 2021.

1. How did you decide to become a physician/dentist/health care professional? When did you first discern this interest (include even early experience)? What experience was your tipping point?

2. Tell us about your motivational background for healthcare. Did you have any healthcare experiences during high school that informed your choice of healthcare as a profession? What experience have you had in after high school in a healthcare setting? How have these experiences helped you in your decision to pursue a health profession? Experiences include direct observation, patient interaction (paid or volunteer), working in an office or hospital, and, because of COVID 19, virtual experiences like spending time talking with a healthcare provider about their experience, telehealth observation, and other types of live virtual events.

3. Outside of a healthcare setting, what have you done after high school to be of service to others? Did you have any significant high school experiences? How have these experiences helped you in your decision to pursue a health profession?

4. Please describe any research you have done since high school. What has your research experience meant for you? How did your project fit into the larger project/lab? If you are applying for MD/PhD how have these experiences informed your decision to combine research and medicine?

5. Are you making an informed choice about a life in medicine? Tell me what you know about being a patient? About being a physician/dentist/PA/pharmacist...?

6. Please describe your family background. What do your parents do? Where did you grow up? How many siblings do you have?

7. Please describe your academic preparation in high school (public or private high school)? How was your transition to Notre Dame? Did you take AP courses in either science or non-science courses?

8. How do you respond to setbacks? Have you had to do something that you were not prepared for? How did you proceed? Has COVID-19 contributed to this ability to respond to setbacks?

9. When you have been faced with multiple demands, how successful have you been in managing priorities – academic vs. extracurricular?

10. Who are your role models and why?

11. What are your faults or weaknesses and how do you try to overcome them?

12. What are your strengths? What do you think you are best at?

13. How would your best friends describe you?

14. How would you handle mistakes or errors in practice, particularly if you harm a patient? Think about your responsibility to your system, your patient, and your own ability to cope.
15. How have you demonstrated integrity and personal ethics? Give an example.

16. How have you demonstrated reliability and dependability? Are you a reliable team member? Give an example.

17. What have you done besides study a lot? What are your personal interests and talents? How did you become interested in your hobbies, pursuits, or avocation?

18. What life events or activities have changed you the most in the past 3-4 years and how have they changed you?

19. What experience have you had leading large or small groups of people? Think about leadership in broad terms such as tutoring, mentoring...

20. If you could begin college again, what would you do differently?

21. Medical and professional schools are interested in cultural competence. Medical professionals interact with a wide variety of people, especially people with backgrounds and life experiences different from your own. Describe an experience or situation in which you interacted with others who are different from you. How did this change your understanding of the challenges faced by others?

22. What would you like to see emphasized in your letter/application?

23. Several medical schools ask for an autobiography as part of the secondary. Please attach an autobiography of no more than 2 single spaced pages.