

Deaconess/EVSC Health Science Institute
Student Interview Tips

- 1). Be sure to carefully review the accompanying invitation with your interview date and time. Make sure you know the location of **Deaconess Hospital's Health Science Building at 600 Edgar Street and nearby parking lots/garages.**
- 2). Plan to arrive at the interview at least 10-15 minutes before your scheduled time. Don't be alarmed if the interview committees are running a few minutes behind. We will keep to the interview schedule as much as we can. If you run into an emergency scheduling problem that weekend, please call Mrs. Rachel Heck, HSI Coordinator, at (812) 217-9196 and leave a message with a return phone number and we will make arrangements for a new interview time.
- 3). During the interview, be yourself. We want to know the "real" you, so as much as you can, relax and simply be yourself. It is normal to be nervous, but try not to let your nerves get the best of you. Each interview committee will consist of three to four HSI staff members who will ask you a series of questions about yourself, your school and extra-curricular activities, your interest in the healthcare field, and why you are interested in HSI. The interview itself will last about 12 minutes, and there are no trick questions. We just want to get to know you as much as we can in the time we have to visit with you. We will have your application, essay, high school transcript, and teacher recommendation to read before the interviews, but the interview is a vital piece of the selection process.
- 4). Also, be prepared to share about any potential conflict in schedules for the dates of HSI. We expect 100% attendance during the entire program. We will have a break during the weekend between the two weeks.
- 5). Dress professionally in business casual or business formal attire. For ladies, a nice blouse and skirt/pants are sufficient, while for gentlemen a polo/dress shirt and khakis are appropriate (tie optional). However, please do not feel you have to buy new clothes for the interview. The main thing is to avoid jeans, t-shirts, sweatpants, and gym shoes.
- 6). Be sure to make eye contact with the interviewers when you meet them and when you answer questions. Make sure you are polite and courteous in the interview, and shake hands with the interviewers if the opportunity presents itself. As you answer questions, try to have a direct answer that is longer than one or two words but at the same time doesn't ramble on into several minutes.
- 7). Look over the HSI brochure and website (<http://www.deaconess.com/hsi>) to familiarize yourself with the program and what is expected of you during the two weeks.
- 8). At the end of the interview, one member of the committee will ask you if you have any questions. If you have questions that pertain to HSI feel free to ask them, but don't feel you *have* to ask a question...we won't score you lower if you don't ask a question. Be sure to thank the committee for the chance to interview.