



Tips and Tricks

Upcoming Applicants
Penn State Health Professions Expo

Before The Fair

- Decide what you are wearing! Make it comfortable yet professional. Nice slacks and a sweater or shirt are just fine.
 - The [Penn State Career Closet](#) can help you dress for success.
- You might want to bring a folder or padfolio to collect school information.
- Research the schools attending the expo that interest you and formulate some questions to ask.

Here are a few ideas:

- What research opportunities are available through your program?
- What is campus life like?
- What community services are available for students?
- What kind of financial guidance do you provide for students?
- How do students from this school perform on national board exams?
- How are students evaluated - academically and clinically?
- Do you have a list of residency programs to which this school's recent graduates were accepted?
- What is the curriculum like?
- What helps an applicant stand out to your admissions committee?
- What sets your school/program apart from others?

During The Fair

- Target organizations that interest you, but keep an open mind. Consider schools and programs you are unfamiliar with - there are great opportunities everywhere.
- If a table is less crowded, you will have the chance to converse longer with the representative. As you approach each school's table - smile, make eye contact, and introduce yourself.
- Be prepared with any questions you would like to ask.
- Collect program informational handouts and school representative business cards or contact information. Write interesting facts, notes, or additional contact names on the back of the card or on your notepaper. Use this information to follow up after the fair.

After The Fair

- Submit your fair evaluation as you leave.
- Feel free to contact a school/program for additional information.
- Consider sending a brief thank you note or email to representatives you met.

Additional Resources

- [American Association of Medical Colleges - Making the Most of a Premed Event](#)
- [American Association of Medical Colleges - Selecting a Medical School: 35 Questions I wish I had Asked](#)
- [American Dental Education Association - Prepare for a Health Professions Recruiting Fair](#)