Questions for Professional Schools

When you are speaking with professional school representatives at a career fair, it's important to ask questions that help you understand the programs, admission requirements, and career prospects after graduation. Here are some good questions to ask:

1. About their Program

- What makes your program unique compared to other (health, vet, law) schools?
- Does your program offer specific concentrations or specialties within the field?
- Can you describe the structure of the program and the types of courses that students can expect to take?
- What is the balance between classroom learning and hands-on clinical experience in your program?
- How much emphasis is placed on research opportunities for students? (more health/vet specific)

2. Admissions Process

- What are the key factors that make an application stand out for your program?
- Do you require any specific volunteer or clinical experience for admission?
- Do you have any advice on how to prepare a competitive application for your program?
- Is there a preference for certain undergraduate degrees, or can students from any background apply?

3. Clinical and Internship Opportunities

- How do you assist students in securing clinical rotations, internships, or practical experience?
- Do students have the opportunity to complete clinical experiences outside of the local area, or internationally?
- How early in the program do students start engaging in clinical experiences or patient/client interactions?

4. Student Support Services

- What types of academic support services do you offer to help students succeed in the program?
- Are there mentorship programs available for students, and if so, how are they structured?
- How does your school support students' mental health and well-being during the rigorous program?
- Do you offer career counseling or job placement assistance after graduation?

5. Financial Aid & Scholarships

- What types of financial aid options are available to students, and how can I apply for them?
- Are there specific scholarships available for students at your school?
- Do you have any tips on managing the cost of education in professional school?

6. Networking & Alumni Connections

- How does your program foster networking opportunities with professionals or organizations?
- Can you share examples of successful alumni from your program and where they have gone in their careers?
- Does your school have any partnerships for internships or job placement after graduation?

7. Program Outcomes

- What is your program's graduation rate, and how many graduates go on to work in their field after completion?
- Do you track employment rates for your graduates, and what types of positions do they typically secure?
- What are the licensure pass rates for students who need to pass exams in their respective fields?

8. School Culture & Environment

- How would you describe the culture of your program and the campus environment?
- Are there opportunities for students to get involved in extracurricular activities, clubs, or organizations related to healthcare?
- What is the class size like, and how does that affect student-faculty interactions?

9. Innovations and Trends

- How is your school adapting to the evolving healthcare/legal/veterinary landscape?
- Are there any new initiatives or programs at your school aimed at addressing the future needs of the industry?
- How does your program prepare students for emerging trends or innovations in the ffield?

10. Post-Graduation and Career Opportunities

- What are some typical career paths for graduates of your program, and how does the school help students transition to the workforce?
- How does your program help students develop skills to work in diverse environments?