

**CALIFORNIA PHARMACY  
SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTALS &  
INTERVIEWS!**

# How You Can Start Preparing Tomorrow

## ▣ SUPPLEMENTALS

- Make a timeline of release dates, due dates, postmark dates for each school's supplemental
- Find out what is required for each supplemental – some schools have specific requirements!
- Brush up on your writing skills
- Update resume
- Know your resources!
  - ▣ Mentors?
  - ▣ LSC writing specialists and tutors
  - ▣ South Hall Personal Statement specialists
  - ▣ Peers!

# How You Can Start Preparing Tomorrow

## ▣ INTERVIEWS

- Learn about the healthcare reform
  - ▣ Find stories about healthcare that truly interest you even if they aren't related to pharmacy:
    - ▣ Radio: This American Life; NPR
    - ▣ UC Davis Publication: The Voice
- Learn about pharmacogenomics, current events
- Be a leader!
  - ▣ Most schools will ask about your leadership roles.
- Take a look at [studentdoctor.net](http://studentdoctor.net)
  - ▣ Just to be aware of the general types of questions you may be asked.

# Before the Interview

- ▣ Get appropriate dress
  - Suit or nice dress
  - Something that makes you stand out
- ▣ Make travel arrangements
- ▣ Make overnight stay arrangements
- ▣ Get informed
  - Read up about pharmacy, read newspaper, listen to news, etc.
- ▣ Prepare resume – **KNOW YOUR RESUME!**
- ▣ Prepare questions to ask
- ▣ Think about and prepare possible answers
  - Don't memorize
- ▣ Research the school
  - Know positives about each school

# Interview Day

- ▣ Plan extra hour for dressing and breakfast
- ▣ Have normal breakfast
- ▣ Have directions and contact numbers
- ▣ Know where you're parking!
- ▣ Arrive 30-45 minutes before scheduled time.
- ▣ Greet everyone pleasantly, enthusiastically
  - Never know who's watching
- ▣ Remember eye-contact
- ▣ Relax & SMILE! 😊

# After the Interview

- ▣ Follow-up with thank you cards/emails
- ▣ Don't hesitate to network with students you meet. Whether they end up in your pharmacy class or another, they will more than likely be your colleague in the field 😊

# CA Pharmacy Schools

- ▣ UOP
- ▣ USC
- ▣ UCSF
- ▣ UCSD
- ▣ Touro
- ▣ California Northstate
- ▣ Western

# Cal Northstate: Supplemental

- ▣ Submit online
- ▣ Cycle: June – February (tentative)
- ▣ Application fee: \$75
- ▣ 3 Questions + Explanation for < 14 units/quarter
- ▣ Rolling admission
- ▣ Notified of Interview via Email



# Cal Northstate: Interview

- ▣ Schedule
  - Different groups – tour, questions, interview
  - Team-Based-Learning exercise
  - Essay
- ▣ Two faculty interviewers
- ▣ Offers:
  - Coffee, water, granola bars, fruit snacks
- ▣ 50 interviewees

# University of the Pacific: Supplemental

- ▣ Online or paper application
- ▣ Deadlines: Semi-rolling
  - Tier 1 - June 1 - August 1
  - Tier 2 - August 2 - September 1
  - Tier 3 - September 2 - November 1
- ▣ Application Fee: \$60
- ▣ 1 Essay Question: Why UOP?
- ▣ Notified of interview via letter in mail

# University of the Pacific: Interview

- ▣ Schedule
  - Three groups – essay, tour/questions, interview
- ▣ Faculty interviewer
- ▣ Student interviewer
- ▣ 20 interviewees
- ▣ Offers:
  - Cookies

# Touro University: Supplemental

- ▣ Submit Online
- ▣ Cycle: June – March
- ▣ Application fee:
- ▣ Rolling
- ▣ Notified via:
- ▣ \*Will be invited to complete application after PharmCAS submitted

# Touro University: Interview

- ▣ Schedule
  - 10-11 interviewees
  - Small breakfast, essay, financial aid, meeting with dean, split into 5-6 people groups for interview, tour, lunch with faculty member
- ▣ Group interview!
- ▣ Two faculty interviewer and student interviewer panel
- ▣ Offers:
  - Breakfast, lunch

# UC San Francisco: Supplemental

- ▣ Mail in application: POSTMARKED by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>
- ▣ Released July 15<sup>th</sup>
- ▣ Application Fee: \$65
- ▣ 4 Required questions; many optional – should do if you can
- ▣ Not rolling
- ▣ Notified of interview via letter in the mail around late December

# UC San Francisco: Interview

- ▣ Welcome Session (30 minutes)
- ▣ Financial Aid Presentation (30 minutes)
- ▣ Three groups
  - Interview (45 minutes)
  - Essay (3 topics to pick from)
  - Chat Room (with current students and light snacks)
    - ▣ Also have an opportunity to ask admissions officers pre-requisite questions to admissions officers)
- ▣ Campus Tour (Optional)

# University of Southern California: Supplementals

- ▣ Submit online
- ▣ 2 applications
  - General Application for Admissions
  - Specific Application for PharmD program
- ▣ Application Fee: \$85
- ▣ 2 questions: 2000/3000 Character limit
- ▣ Rolling – turn it in early!!
- ▣ \*Requires hardcopies of transcripts



# University of Southern California: Interviews

- ▣ Schedule
  - Talk with admissions director, interview, essay, questions (~20 mins each)
- ▣ 20 interviewees
- ▣ Faculty interviewer and student interviewer
- ▣ Unique writing assignment
- ▣ Short day – less than two hours

# Western University: Supplementals

- ▣ Submit online
  - Hardcopy of LORs, application fee & misc. forms need to be mailed in
- ▣ Released Mid-July (tentative)
- ▣ Due November 1<sup>st</sup> (submitted online & postmarked!)
- ▣ Application fee: \$60 (?)
- ▣ Multiple short answer questions
  - Helpful for other supplementals!
- ▣ Notified for interview via phone call

# Western University: Interview

- ▣ Schedule
  - Meeting with Dean, financial aid
  - Split into groups – interview or essay
- ▣ Interview: Q&A and critical thinking
- ▣ Offers:
  - Snacks before meeting with the Dean

# UC San Diego: Interview

- ▣ Schedule
  - Presentation about school and curriculum
  - Interview time slot, essay and questions same time
- ▣ Two faculty interviewers
- ▣ 30-35 interviewees; AM/PM group
- ▣ Offers:
  - Coffee, tea, bagels, fruit

# UC San Diego: Supplementals

- ▣ Submit Online
- ▣ Due: Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> (postmarked & online)
- ▣ Application fee: \$65
- ▣ 1 Essay + multiple short answer questions
- ▣ Notified of interview via letter in the mail around late December

Questions?