RESEARCHING PROFESSIONAL HEALTH SCHOOLS

Questions to ask about the schools:
What is the geographic location/What is the campus like?
What are the curriculum and classes like (class size, opportunity to take electives, specializations)?
What are some unique opportunities available (volunteering, dual degree, abroad opportunities)?
What is the cost of tuition per year?
What financial aid or scholarships are available?
What are their employment, placement, and/or board exam passage rates?

Questions to ask about admissions criteria:
What prerequisites (if any) are required?
What is the average GPA and/or science GPA of accepted applicants?
Is an entrance exam required? If so, what is the average entrance exam score of accepted applicants?
Are there additional preference factors for being admitted to this school? (state of residence, Bachelor’s degree required, patient contact hours, etc.)
What was their acceptance rate for the most recent year (number of acceptances vs. number of applications, acceptance rate for out of state applicants vs. in state, etc.)?
How many hours of shadowing, if any, are required or recommended?
Are student involvement, leadership, or volunteer activities strongly encouraged?

Questions to ask about the application process:
What is the cost of the application?
When is the application period (when does it open and close or is it rolling admission)?
Is an interview required?
How many/what kind of letters of recommendation are required (faculty, professional, personal etc.)?
Resources for Researching Health Schools:

**Chiropractic**
Association of Chiropractic Colleges:  
http://www.chirocolleges.org/members.html

**Clinical Perfusion Science**
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs:  
https://www.caahep.org/Students/Find-a-Program.aspx

**Cytotechnology**
American Society of Cytopathology:  
https://cytopathology.org/page/CytotechnologyPrograms

**Dental Hygiene**
American Dental Association:  
http://www.ada.org/en/coda/find-a-program/search-denta-l-programs/allied-programs

**Dentistry**
American Dental Association:  
http://www.ada.org/267.aspx  
American Student Dental Association:  
Official Guide to Dental Schools:  
http://www.adea.org/officialguide/

**Dietetics**
Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics:  
https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accredited-programs/future-education-model-graduate-program

**Medical Laboratory Science**
National Accredity Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences:  
https://www.naacs.org/Find-a-Program.aspx

**Medicine**
American Association of Medical Colleges:  
https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/applying-medical-school-process/medical-school-admission-requirements/

**Mortuary Science**
American Board of Funeral Service Education:  

**Nursing**
American Association of Colleges of Nursing:  
http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/accred-ited-programs

**Occupational Therapy**
American Occupational Therapy Association:  
http://www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Find-School.aspx

**Optometry**
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry:  
http://opted.org/about-asco/member-schools-and-colleges

**Pharmacy**
Pharmacy Centralized Application System Directory:  
http://www.pharmcas.org/school-directory/#/

**Physical Therapy**
Physical Therapy Centralized Application System Directory:  
http://www.ptcas.org/Directory/

**Physician Assistant**
PAEA Program Directory:  
http://directory.paeaonline.org/

**Public Health**
Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health:  
https://sophas.org/

**Radiation Sciences**
American Registry of Radiologic Technologists:  
https://www.arrt.org/about-the-profession/learn-about-the-profession/recognized-educational-programs

**Explore more health careers:**  
http://explorehealthcareers.org/

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