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SHARK
PREVIEW

STUDENT GUIDE
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NSU Florida



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Future Shark:

Welcome to Shark Preview and Shark Nation!

By now I imagine you have had a chance to check out the 'Shark swag' in your tackle box. Enjoy!

You have an important weekend coming up. Shark Preview Weekend. Here is why I know it is important. Shark Preview Weekend will help you make one of the most important decisions of your life thus far, i.e., where do I go to college?

Even more amazing is you have to answer this question in a pandemic!

I have a tip for you that will help you determine if being a Shark is the right fit for you. ENGAGE!

Engage with your Shark Preview Leader (they are AWESOME!). Engage in your interviews. Engage with others looking at NSU and make new friends. Engage.

If you do, you will begin to get the sense of NSU being the 'right fit' for you (and you the right fit for us).

I look forward to seeing you soon. FINS UP!

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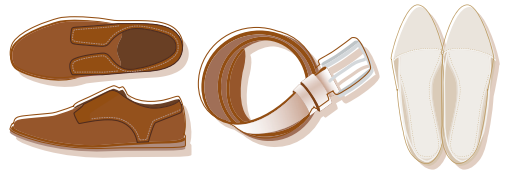
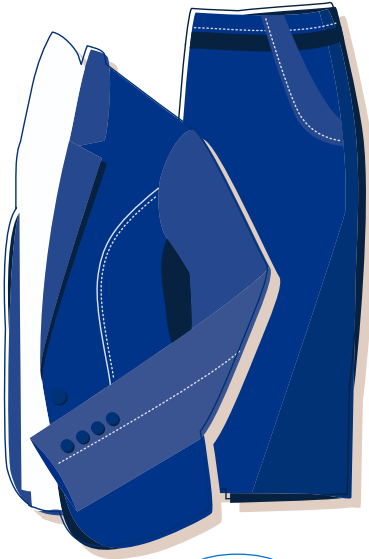
TIPS TO NAVIGATE SHARK PREVIEW

DRESS TO IMPRESS

Guiding you to Success for Shark Preview Interview Weekend

General Recommendations: First Impressions Matter

- Clothes should be:
 - Not too large or small, tight or baggy, they should be tailored just right
 - Clean and in good condition
 - Lint and wrinkle-free
- **Nails and makeup:** Natural and conservative
- **Hair:** Well-groomed and neatly trimmed facial hair



- **Choose:** Solid, dark, neutral colors—black, beige, brown, blue or gray
- **Avoid:** Stripes, patterns or bright prints/ colors that could appear distracting via zoom background
- **Consider:** Wearing neutral, solid or subtle pattern ties, jewelry and accessories
- **Decide:** On wearing interview attire that meets these standards, that you feel confident in for an interview

ZOOM ETIQUETTE FOR SHARK PREVIEW INTERVIEWS

Be Present and Limit Distractions

- Identify a quiet physical work space for your interview(s)!
- Silence your phone or move it to another space to ensure that you are fully present to listen and engage during your interview(s).
- Remind your housemates of your interview schedule to ensure a quiet, controlled environment.



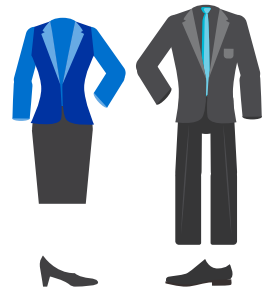
Mute Your Mic

- Background noise when you're not speaking can easily distract those in your interview.
- Some interviews may be held in a group. When in a group interview, remember to mute your microphone by clicking the icon on the bottom left corner of your screen, unless you are asking or answering questions.



Dress for Success

- If you wouldn't wear it to an in person interview, don't wear it on Zoom!
- Dressing appropriately from head to toe will help you get into the interview mindset AND show respect to your interviewer(s).



Be Aware of Your Backdrop

- Remember, you will be on camera during a Zoom interview. You want attention to be on you, not your background. Double check your background is appropriate (ex. blank wall).



Raise Your Hand

- To respect others during a group interview, visibly raise your hand before unmuting your mic to speak
- Utilize the chat box to ask questions when appropriate.



DAY 1: THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that links may not work for Android users. We ask that you log in to Zoom and enter the meeting ID numbers (which are the numbers at the end of each session link).

<p>Shark Preview Weekend Check-In Weekend Instructions – <i>Link sent by Shark Preview Leader</i> Check into Shark Preview weekend with your personal NSU representative. They will let you into the “room” when they are ready for you, so just keep swimming in the waiting room until we get to you. Your tacklebox will have everything you need for the weekend, so be sure to have that ready! We want to make sure you are all set for the weekend and have everything you need to be a Shark!</p>	<p>2:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Welcome to Shark Preview Weekend Instructions – https://nova.zoom.us/j/94763421533 Welcome to Nova Southeastern University and the Shark Preview experience! Enjoy an official welcome coming to you LIVE from NSU in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida! Call the hotline anytime with questions: Hotline #1: (954) 203-7085, Hotline #2: (954) 654-0849, Main Office: (954) 262-8050.</p>	<p>3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Break the Ice! Weekend Instructions – <i>Link sent by Shark Preview Leader</i> Get to know your Shark Preview Leader and fellow attendees. We'll make sure to answer all of your questions too!</p>	<p>3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.</p>
<p>The Interview Doctor is In! – Interview Preparation Weekend Instructions – https://bit.ly/NSUInterviewDoctor “Doctor! Doctor! Give me the news. I got a bad case of interviews!” Get the inside scoop from our Career Services Team on what interviewers are looking for.</p>	<p>4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.</p>
<p>Speedy Sharks... Dodo Dodo Dodo Weekend Instructions – <i>Link sent by Shark Preview Leader</i> You’ve gotten to know your group, but now you will have the chance to build one-on-one connections through a series of smaller speed activities.</p>	<p>5:15 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Shark Preview Group Meetings Weekend Instructions – <i>Link sent by Shark Preview Leader</i> What you all have been waiting for! You will receive your interview schedule for Friday and have the chance to ask any questions with your Shark Preview Leader. Do you need to add or remove an interview? Are you unsure on how to access the interview link? Just ask your Shark Preview Leader and they will make sure you are swimming smoothly!</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</p>



DAY 2: FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that links may not work for Android users. We ask that you log in to Zoom and enter the meeting ID numbers (which are the numbers at the end of each session link).

<p>Concierge Weekend Instructions – https://nova.zoom.us/j/98934311733 Have a question or need more information? Visit the concierge any time for help with your question or receive activity suggestions. Remember, you can call the hotline anytime with questions: Hotline #1: (954) 203-7085, Hotline #2: (954) 654-0849, Main Office: (954) 262-8050.</p>	<p>8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Interviews Various Links Refer to the interview schedule you received in your group meeting. Feel free to check into the concierge at any time with questions or to find the link for your interview.</p>	<p>See your personalized interview schedule</p>
<p>TGIF Group Meeting Weekend Instructions – <i>Link sent by Shark Preview Leader</i> It's been a long day, and you deserve to celebrate your hard work! Meet up with your group and your Shark Preview Leader before the Closing Ceremony so you're prepared. This ceremony is all about YOU!</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Shark Preview Closing Ceremony Weekend Instructions – https://nova.zoom.us/j/96384857337 Experience the closing ceremony with your new NSU family. Please wear the Shark Preview white, long sleeve shirt you received in your tacklebox.</p>	<p>5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</p>

FRIDAY SHARK-TIVITIES

Explore NSU firsthand!

We have so much for you to discover and enjoy.

<p>NSU and Chill: The Shark Preview Lounge Weekend Instructions – https://nova.zoom.us/j/91420775465 Have downtime or want to meet people outside of your group? Log onto the Shark Preview Lounge and see how everyone’s weekend is going. There will be a new activity or place on campus to explore every hour on the hour. Make sure to join in!</p>	<p>9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Swim with the Sharks – Oceanographic Center Tour Weekend Instructions – https://nova.zoom.us/j/9208308800 Join us for a virtual tour of the beautiful Oceanographic Center located directly on the intracoastal.</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Navigate NSU – Ft. Lauderdale Campus Tour Weekend Instructions – https://nova.zoom.us/j/97352461334 Join us for a virtual tour of NSU’s Ft. Lauderdale campus and see everything there is to enjoy!</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.</p>
<p>NS–yoU – Honors College Information Session Weekend Instructions – https://nova.zoom.us/j/96186570366 Meet with representatives from the Honors College to learn more about the program and how you can distinguish yourself as an honors student.</p>	<p>4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>



PREMIER PROGRAM INTERVIEW DETAILS

Dual Admission Programs

Anesthesia

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Master of Science in Anesthesia program will interview with the program director, either one-on-one or in a small group of three or less online via Zoom. Questions will focus on the candidate's practical medical experience, basic knowledge of surgical procedures and related duties, and overall patient advocacy. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Audiology

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Doctor of Audiology program will have the opportunity to interview with candidates in a small group of two, or one-on-one, online via Zoom. The questions focus on the candidate's interest in NSU Florida and the audiology program, previous personal experiences, and current issues in health care. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Business

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Master of Accounting, Master of Business Administration, or Master of Science in Real Estate Development programs will interview in groups of three or less, online via Zoom, with individualized time designated for each student. Questions will focus on communication skills, teamwork, and how students will impact the university community. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Computer Science

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Master of Science in Computer Science program will interview one-on-one, online via Zoom with a faculty member in the College of Engineering and Computing. Questions focus on the candidate's experience, basic knowledge of the chosen field, and passion for the profession. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Dental Medicine

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Doctor of Dental Medicine program will have the opportunity to interview in groups of six or less students, online via Zoom. Questions will evaluate the character and core values of all candidates. Application materials, test scores, and transcripts will be reviewed in advance of the interviews. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Education, Criminal Justice, Humanities and Social Sciences

Students interviewing for dual admission programs in College Student Affairs; Criminal Justice; Developmental Disabilities; Composition, Rhetoric, and Digital Media; Conflict Analysis and Resolution; and National Security Affairs and international Relations will interview with faculty one-on-one or in small groups of three or less, online via Zoom. Questions will focus on the candidate's experience, basic knowledge of the chosen field, and passion for the profession. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Law

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Juris Doctor program will interview in groups of three or less, online via Zoom. The questions and discussion focus on the candidate's personal qualities, interest in the field of law, and previous involvement in activities and interests outside of the classroom. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Marine Science

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Master of Science in Marine Science program will interview in groups of five or less students, online via Zoom, and the questions will evaluate the critical thinking skills of all candidates. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Optometry

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Doctor of Optometry program will interview in groups of five or less students, online via Zoom, with individualized time designated for each student. The questions focus on the perseverance and passion for the profession, time management, and interpersonal skills. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Osteopathic Medicine

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program will interview in small groups of five, online via Zoom. Questions will focus on challenges in medical school, exemplary qualities of a physician, and strategies for success. Application materials, test scores, and transcripts will be reviewed in advance of the interviews. The small-group interview will last approximately 45 minutes.

Pharmacy

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy or Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences programs will interview in a group of five or less students, online via Zoom. Questions will focus on the candidate's interpersonal skills, the understanding of the profession, and the ability to articulate level of interest in the field. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Physical Therapy

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program will interview in a group of five or less students, online via Zoom. Questions focus on a candidate's knowledge and understanding of the field and the options within it. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Physician Assistant

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant program will participate in formal one-on-one interviews by phone. Questions focus on the understanding of the physician assistant profession and passion for health care. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Psychology

Students interviewing for dual admission to a graduate program in the College of Psychology will interview one-on-one, online via Zoom, with psychology faculty members. Questions focus on a candidate's career goals and interest in psychology. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Speech-Language Pathology

Students interviewing for dual admission to the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology will interview with the program director, either one-on-one or in a small group of three or less, online via Zoom. Questions will focus on a candidate's passion for the profession of speech-language pathology and interest/experience in the field. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Razor's Edge Scholars

Razor's Edge Global

Students interviewing for Razor's Edge Global will interview online via Zoom with current Razor's Edge Global Scholars and staff members from NSU's Office of International Affairs and Admissions. The interview session will begin with a presentation from current Razor's Edge Global Scholars to explain the opportunities and responsibilities of the Razor's Edge Global program. After that, students will then have formal individual interviews. Questions will focus on global awareness, global engagement, previous intercultural experiences, communication skills, teamwork, and how candidates will impact the university community. The full interview experience will last approximately 60 minutes.

Razor's Edge Leadership

Students interviewing for Razor's Edge Leadership will meet individually with current Razor's Edge Leadership students and advising staff members during an online interview via Zoom. Professional staff members from the Division of Student Affairs, a graduate assistant, and current Razor's Edge Leadership students will conduct formal group interviews. Questions will focus on leadership philosophy and experiences, communication skills, teamwork, and how candidates will impact the university community. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Razor's Edge Research

Students interviewing for Razor's Edge Research will interact with faculty researchers and the program coordinator online via Zoom. The formal interview session is individual and will focus on an applicant's research interests and experiences, their participation in experiential education activities, and how they envision engaging with the NSU community. Current Razor's Edge Research students will be available to answer questions and provide the student perspective on the Research Scholars program. The interview session will last approximately 30 minutes.

Razor's Edge Shark Talent

Students interviewing for Razor's Edge Shark Talent will prepare for an individual online audition and interview via Zoom. The program would like to see what you are actively working on within your artistic discipline (Art, Dance, Music, or Theatre). The overall experience will begin with the audition (audition guidelines can be found at nova.edu/razorsedge/sharktalent/audition). After the audition will be the interview, where program leadership and current Razor's Edge Shark Talent students will ask questions to discover the engagement potential of each candidate.

The Shark Talent program is for students who wish to use their artistic gifts to help create a more vibrant campus life at NSU. This could mean performing with one of our music ensembles like Shark Gold, performing with a dance or theater troupe at a donor event, energizing the homecoming crowd as part of the NSU Drumline, or sharing student art at a gallery opening. The goal of Razor's Edge Shark Talent is to raise awareness and participation in the arts among NSU students. Ideal candidates are confident, possess a passion for the arts, and could serve as arts ambassadors. The audition and interview session will last approximately 30 minutes.

Razor's Edge Shark Teach

Students interviewing for Razor's Edge Shark Teach will meet individually, online via Zoom with an interview committee consisting of program administration, staff members from the Tutoring and Testing Center, and current Razor's Edge Shark Teach students. These formal interviews will focus on the candidate's interest in the field of education and their desire to make an impact on learner achievement at NSU. Questions will also provide students with the opportunity to discuss their desire to make an impact on the NSU community, share their past leadership experience, demonstrate their communication skills and resiliency, and expand on experiences supporting peers discussed in their application essay. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

The Fischler Academy of Education

Students interviewing for The Fischler Academy of Education will meet individually with a committee comprising program administrators and current Fischler Academy students online via Zoom. These interviews are an excellent opportunity for candidates to highlight the various aspects of their personal experiences that have shaped their current interests.

Students should also be able to demonstrate why they would be a good fit for The Fischler Academy and how, if selected, they intend on contributing to the program. Each interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Huizenga Business Innovation Academy

Students interviewing for the Huizenga Business Innovation Academy will meet with individuals from the H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship online via Zoom. The director of the Innovation Academy will conduct individual interviews with a faculty member or the dean. Questions will focus on a candidate's entrepreneurial experiences and goals, their creativity and teamwork skills, and how they would plan to use the start-up venture funding provided by the program. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Presidential Scholars

The Presidential Scholars interview is a 30-minute, one-on-one interview with an NSU faculty or staff member, online via Zoom. Your interviewer will get to know you and ask you about your interest in NSU. We are looking for students that "Bleed Shark Blue" and want to make a positive impact on our university community. We recommend preparing questions for the individuals interviewing you, as well.

INTERVIEW CHECKLIST



☐ PREPARE

Pre-Interview

- Research NSU and Premier Programs
- Prepare for one-on-one and small group interviews
- Evaluate Yourself – Experiences, Skills, etc.
- Connect the dots: YOU + NSU = FIT
- Prepare questions to ask your interviewer(s)

☐ COMMUNICATE

During the Interview

- Strong first impression through eye contact, body language and professional attire
- Show vs. Tell through examples (ex. Leadership)
- Ask questions to show interest and clarify overall fit
- Don't forget to be yourself and show your Shark Pride!

☐ FOLLOW-UP

Post-Interview

- Send a Thank You e-mail or note within 1-2 days of interview(s)

SAMPLE THANK YOU:

Dear [Name of Interviewer],

Thank you so much for the opportunity to interview for [Name of Premier Program/ Scholarship]. It was a pleasure meeting you and learning more about what NSU and this program has to offer. [Insert tailored sentence showcasing your enthusiasm for NSU and reference something specific from your interview.] I am hopeful for the opportunity to begin at NSU in the Fall. Thank you again for your time and consideration. Go Sharks!

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Common Interview Questions

- Why NSU?
- Tell me a little about yourself?
- Describe your Strengths & Weaknesses.
- Why are you interested in this Scholarship?
- Describe your leadership abilities.
- What separates you from others?
- What are your future goals?
- How do you motivate others?
- How do you deal with conflict? Stress?
- Tell me about a time where you took initiative.
- Describe your time management skills?

Virtual Etiquette

- Test your technology ahead of time. Use your laptop vs. your phone.
- Use a neutral background or a professional virtual background. Get the NSU edge with these Shark backgrounds.
- Stay engaged throughout the interview and remain professional.
- Ensure your interview space has adequate lighting and limited distractions (phone, tv, pets, etc.)
- Dress to impress with business professional attire. Ex: blazer/suit jacket over a button down shirt, blouse, or dress.
- Mute your microphone when others are speaking in a group interview.





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