

## MED/DENTAL/VET APPLICATION CHECKLIST - GORDON COLLEGE

### I. DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER OF YOUR JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR

- \_\_\_ 1. Prepare to take the MCAT (GRE/DAT). There is a lot involved in applying, check online to find out what is required. You usually need a picture. You always need to prepare for it by using sample tests and study materials.
- \_\_\_ 2. Sign a waiver of rights concerning your letter of recommendation or inform the advisor that you do not intend to sign it. This goes on file with Margie Roaf in the Natural Science office. Download all forms from the HP website linked to: <http://faculty.gordon.edu/ns/by>
- \_\_\_ 3. Provide the advisor with a transcript of your grades and an informal VITA which lists your accomplishments and activities as well as a full page essay stating why you want to go to medical or dental school. (Use Vita form)
- \_\_\_ 4. Procure at least 4-5 carefully chosen faculty, staff, or outside sources who can write two to three meaty paragraphs about you. The evaluator form has guidelines for these people to help them write effectively. Chose people who know you well, ask them personally, and give them a copy of the Evaluator form from the HP website. Remind them of the deadline and follow up with them to make sure they did it.
- \_\_\_ 5. Register with the AMCAS or ADSAS or vet school web application system.
- \_\_\_ 6. Make an appointment to talk over the list of schools to which you are applying with the advisor.

### II. DURING THE SUMMER

- \_\_\_ 1. Complete your applications during the summer AS SOON AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE. This will give you a significant advantage over the last-minute types. You can submit your application usually in early summer, however it is actually MORE important to have the information be accurate than early.
- \_\_\_ 2. The advisor will be glad to read over and critique your personal statements to AMCAS or ADSAS if you desire. They should be in their final form. Email works, but don't be last minute.
- \_\_\_ 3. Give the advisor your final list of schools to which you eventually want letters sent. We have the addresses. Mention any deadlines especially if you should be applying for early decision.
- \_\_\_ 4. Work in or volunteer for a medically or dentally related situation for experience and to personally substantiate your career choice.
- \_\_\_ 5. Prepare to interview - read about medical school admission requirements, consider your credentials (strong points), read medical or dental literature, talk to an MD or DDS about their experiences, keep up with medical politics. Continue to ponder why this is the career for you. For VET school in particular, years of consistent experience are important.

### III. AFTER SUMMER

- \_\_\_ 1. Keep your advisor informed of your progress in obtaining admission. Report interviews, acceptances, rejections, withdrawals, etc. Reporting your interviews ahead of time can allow people to pray for you.
- \_\_\_ 2. Do not let the waiting and suspense ruin your year. It is now in the hands of the Lord.