

Gordon College
Pre-Medical, Dental or Veterinary Timelines

HP website: <http://faculty.gordon.edu/ns/by> then look for Health Professions link

I. DURING THE FALL OF THE SOPHOMORE YEAR

- ___ 1. Fill out an Application form. This form helps the Health Professions committee keep track of who is in the program and your goals and aspirations. **Submit Application Form by the end of December** of your sophomore year or as soon as you become committed to a health professions direction.
- ___ 2. **Submit a TIMELINE AGREEMENT FORM with the application form.**

II. DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER OF YOUR JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR

- ___ 1. As you may know, MCAT is computer based now, and offered many times per year. Please visit their website to learn about registration times. You should register for the MCAT so that your scores are released in the early summer or late spring. Visit the following URL: <http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/>
- ___ 2. Sign a waiver of rights concerning your letter of recommendation or inform the adviser that you do not intend to sign it. Signing over your FERPA rights is strongly recommended. This file needs to go to Margie Lou Roaf in the Science Division office.
- ___ 3. Provide the adviser with a transcript of your grades and an informal VITA that lists your accomplishments and activities as well as a full page essay stating why you want to go to medical or dental school. These forms are available on the HP website. **Submit transcript, Waiver form, and Vita form by the end of MARCH.**
- ___ 4. Procure at least 3, preferably 4 carefully chosen faculty, staff, or outside sources who can write two to three paragraphs about you. Schools want unique things about you. Choose people who know you well. Ask them personally and give them a copy of the Evaluation request letter, available from the HP website. Remind them of the deadline. **All letters should be submitted by the end of spring break, in March.**
- ___ 5. Visit the AMCAS or ADSAS website before leaving campus for the summer and initiate the process of application according to the instructions on the website.

III. DURING THE SUMMER

- ___ 1. Fill out and send in your AMCAS or ADSAS applications online as soon as registration is open **and before the end of JULY.**

- ___ 2. The adviser 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 for this. I will only lend constructive criticism, no grammar checking, etc.
- ___ 3. Give the adviser your final list of schools to which you eventually want evaluation letters sent. We have the addresses. Mention any deadlines especially if you should be applying for early decision. Use the school list form on the HP website.
You should try to get this finalized by the end of JULY.
- ___ 4. Work in or volunteer for a medically or dentally related situation for experience and to personally substantiate your career choice.
- ___ 5. Think 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, and continue to ponder why this is the career for you.

IV. AFTER SUMMER

- ___ 1. Keep your adviser 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.