

## **Time Line for Health Profession Applications & Information on the Pre-Health Professions Committee**

### **Time Line for Applying to a Health Professional School**

#### Freshman Year

- Take basic courses
- Begin to read the "wallpaper" on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of Duckett
- Consider whether a summer class or program is appropriate
- Plan a 4 year course of study with your advisor
- Become involved in volunteering and shadowing (clinical experience)

#### Sophomore Year

- Start deciding on which health profession is for you
- Continue taking classes
- Start talking to professors about research versus summer courses, other opportunities
- Check plan of study and revise if necessary (run degree audit regularly)
- Be aware of prerequisite and suggested courses for your program of interest
- Start folder with Dr. Zanin if appropriate

#### Junior Year

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

- Have an idea which health profession schools you want to attend
- Develop plan for MCAT preparation (Kaplan or other)
- Start folder with Dr. Zanin

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

- Continue study for MCAT in April/May
- Start to work on personal statements
- Gather materials for AMCAS application
- May/June file AMCAS application (or equivalent)
- Make sure recommendation folder is complete before classes end for summer

#### Senior Year

##### 1<sup>st</sup> semester

- Promptly forward addresses for secondary application committee letters to Dr. Zanin
- Interviews
- Acceptance/reject/waiting list letters

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

- Enjoy the semester and keep up the grades!

### **DOs and DON'Ts**

DO get your application in early  
DO prepare for the MCAT; practice as much as possible  
DO take the MCAT the earliest you can; retake if necessary  
DO study for the MCAT; practice as much as you can

DON'T wait until the last minute to apply. This will hurt your acceptance chances.  
DON'T give up! Reapply early the next year. Meanwhile, find something to do that will add to your resume application and turn it to your advantage.

### Important Websites

1. Volunteering at MUSC (<http://children.musc.edu/mad/volunteer.htm>)
2. MCAT (<http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/start.htm>)
3. Application for Allopathic Medical Schools - AAMCAS (<http://www.aamc.org/students/amcas/start.htm>)
4. Application for Osteopathic Medical Schools – AACOMAS (<https://aacomas.aacom.org/>)
5. DAT (<http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp>)
6. Application for Dental Schools – AADSAS ([http://www.adea.org/dental\\_education\\_pathways/aadsas/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/aadsas/Pages/default.aspx))

**Pre-Health Professions Committee** (2010-2011): Drs. Zanin, Weinstein, Rosenblum, Carter, and Mabrouk.

The Pre-Health Committee reviews student evaluations and recommendations and presents an overall committee letter of recommendation to Admissions Committees. Letters from individual evaluation forms are attached; a summary of all the evaluations is also included.

**Pre-Health Profession Advisor:** Dr. Kathy Zanin (Bond 322, 953-7077)

The Pre-Health Advisor acts as the Chair of the Pre-Health Professions Committee and writes the final committee letter to the individual programs for each student. The advisor compiles the completed results of the evaluation forms from all recommending professors. The advisor serves as the link between the students and the various health profession schools.