



Pre-Professional Advising Center

Health Careers Advising



Applying to Medical (D. O. and M.D.), Dental and Veterinary School An Overview

www.brown.edu/go/healthcareers

Applicant Seminars

All students and alumni near campus interested in applying for 2018 admission to medical or dental school are required to attend one of the 4 dates for APPLICANT SEMINAR #1 and the APPLICANT SEMINAR #5. We strongly encourage all potential applicants to attend the remaining three applicant seminars. Attendance at one of the APPLICANT SEMINAR #1 dates is also required before meeting with George Vassilev to discuss your application. Students or alumni who have not attended will not be able to submit an HCAD or register for an interview with a member of the Health Careers Advisory Committee. Alumni far from campus should attend the seminars via WebEx and contact Health Careers Advising in late fall or mid-winter to discuss their backgrounds and plans. All dates-on website. Veterinary school applicants are encouraged but not required to attend because veterinary schools do not expect a committee letter packet from Brown- one of the goals of the applicant seminars. The information presented at the seminars is informative for students and alumni interested in any clinical health professions.

APPLICANT SEMINARS AT A GLANCE:
APPLICANT SEMINAR #1- The Big Picture (4 dates offered) – <i>MANDATORY</i>
APPLICANT SEMINAR #2- Ace Your Personal Statement - <i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED</i>
APPLICANT SEMINAR #3- School Selection, Pick & Pay- <i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED</i>
APPLICANT SEMINAR #4- Rock Your Interview- <i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED</i>
APPLICANT SEMINAR #5- Roundup - <i>MANDATORY</i>

Committee Letter of Recommendation

Health Careers Advising provides eligible students and alumni a Committee Letter from Brown’s Health Careers Advisory Committee. This letter is a summary and evaluation of the applicants’ credentials and is preferred by most medical and dental schools. It is not required by veterinary or other health professions schools. The committee letter is accompanied by 3 to 4 supporting letters of recommendation solicited by the applicants. For more information, please see our website’s “Applicants” section for details including all due dates, deadlines and the time we have dedicated specifically to the needs of students who may have found the curriculum challenging. Be sure to attend one of the mandatory applicant seminars.

MCAT, DAT, GRE, Other

The MCAT is the standardized test required by all medical schools. The DAT, OAT, GRE are the analogous exams for dental, optometry, veterinary and other health professional programs. Please consult <https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/> for more information about the current exam format and for test dates. Explore the pages dedicated to standardized tests on the [Health Careers Advising website](#). You should take the MCAT, or other test only when you are fully prepared for it and when it is most beneficial for submitting your medical, dental, veterinary or other school application on time.

Application Services (Primary) and School Applications (Secondary or Supplemental)

Each health profession has a standardized application service. Medicine is served by two systems- one for Osteopathic medicine (D.O.) and one for Allopathic Medicine (M.D.). For M.D. programs, complete the American Medical Colleges Application Service (AMCAS). Please consult <https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/> for more information. For D.O. programs, complete the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Service (AACOMAS) <http://www.aacom.org/Documents/AACOMASInstructions.pdf>. These services typically update their Guides in the spring. Veterinary and Dental professions programs utilize the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS), and Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS), respectively. Applicants must complete a “secondary” application for each school to which they apply shortly after receiving one. Most medical schools send a “secondary” automatically, and this is generally the case for dental and veterinary schools, as well.

Interviews and Decisions

Beginning early in the fall term, schools use the MCAT, DAT, GRE scores, primary and secondary applications, and letters of recommendation to identify their top candidates. They then invite these applicants for campus interviews. Schools typically hold interviews starting in September and continue throughout the fall and spring semesters. Admission decisions are first made in October and continue until May. If an applicant is not admitted or rejected, they may be placed on “hold,” meaning the school will review the application later. Many applicants are also placed on a waitlist. It is not unusual for wait-listed applicants to be admitted to medical school as late as July.