Applicant Seminars

All students and alumni near campus interested in applying for fall 2021 admission to medical or dental school are required to attend one of the 5 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 plans in detail. 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. We ask alumni far from campus to tune in to the seminars through Zoom and contact Health Careers Advising in late fall or mid-winter to discuss their backgrounds and plans. All dates are listed on the website. Veterinary school applicants are encouraged but not required to attend because veterinary schools do not expect a committee letter packet - one of the main subjects of the applicant seminars. The information presented at the seminars is helpful for students and alumni interested in any clinical professions. We invite all to attend.

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Committee Letter of Recommendation

Health Careers Advising provides juniors, seniors and recent 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 about your responsibilities and for schools’ requirements and expectations, please see our website’s “Applicants” section. Details including all due dates and the time we have dedicated specifically to advising pre-applicants are listed on the site. Be sure to attend at least 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/](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](https://www.brown.edu/go/healthcareers). 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/](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) [https://www.aacom.org/become-a-doctor/applying/aacomas-application-instructions](https://www.aacom.org/become-a-doctor/applying/aacomas-application-instructions). These services update their guides late 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 following an interview. It is not unusual for wait-listed applicants to be admitted to medical school as late as July.
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**Brown Health Professions Pre-Application Process for Applicants to Medcial PU, M.D. or D.O. (D.O.) and Dental Schools**

### Scope of our Work:
- **February**: Submit Hcad in mid
- **March**: Set up your account in Clearing house
- **April/May**: Have 1st year 3 rd, standardized tests (grades, standardized tests, etc.)

### Other Activities:
- Research
- Leadership
- Service

### Clinical Experience
- Course work
- Engage in:
  - Clinical rotations
  - Connect with our
  - Reflect on academic experience

### Comments
- Five applicant seminars on all aspects of the application process

### Deadlines
- Ensuring Letter of Recommendation is received by May
- Submit forms and Hcad application
- Between March and May:
  - 10-140 applicants
  - Top 15 applicants

### Plan for Competing Year or Two
- Search, fellowships, senior advisor
- Experience into Hcad
- Begin to put your reflection and
- Haven't yet
- Take standardized test (if you
- Complete all requirements and
- Consider who to ask for LOR
- Learn about schools
- Connect with us and attend
- Apply in the summer
- Assess overall preparation to enroll

### Time Frame for the Composition
- Over 500 LOR
- Committee of 15-25 members
- 5 forms
- Hcad's, transformations, and their
- Commitment to each member
- applicant seminars
- 5 applicant seminars