2021 Cycle Application Orientation
Health Professional Schools

Let’s go, Huskies!
Agenda

I. Housekeeping
II. Application services
III. Application components
IV. Composite letters & process
V. The portal
VI. What happens after?
VII. Resources

How I think I look explaining the premed process to my bartender at 3:00 am vs how I actually look.
Two overall goals tonight

1. Inform you about the application process to health professional schools and our composite letter process
2. Use this information to gauge whether you truly feel ready to apply to health professional schools this cycle
I. Housekeeping

- ListServ/Weekly newsletter
- Email us and request to be added
- Main place for 2021 cycle information

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I. Housekeeping

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- **Pre-Dental**
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II. Application services

Web platforms

- AMCAS: primary app for MD schools
- CAS: primary apps for AACOMAS, AADSAS, CASPA, OPTOMCAS, AACPMA, PHARMCAS, SOPHAS, GRADCAS...
- TMDSAS: primary app for Texas public med/dent/vet schools
II. Application services

**MD schools (allopathic medicine)**

- **AAMC**: Association of American Medical Colleges (also administers the MCAT)
- **AMCAS**: American Medical College Application Service
  - 2021 Cycle AMCAS Applicant Guide
II. Application services

**MD schools (allopathic medicine)**

2021 cycle dates:

- 5/4/20 primary app opens
- 5/28/20 submission button available
- 6/26/20 first day verified apps sent to individual schools
- Schools begin to notify applicants of acceptances on 10/15 and continue until their classes are full.
II. Application services

**MD schools (allopathic medicine)**

2021 cycle fees:

- AMCAS application fee (one school included): $170
- Each additional school: $41
II. Application services

- Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)
  - 1-year subscription: $28
  - 2-year subscription: $36
II. Application services

Applying to Medical School 2019 AMCAS® Medical School Applications by the Numbers

AMCAS OPERATIONS

Staff spent 22,622 hours verifying 34,125,832 application data points.

DOCUMENTS HANDLED

135,392 transcripts (including 74,281 e-transcripts)
10,884 letters of recommendation

AAMC SERVICES CONTACT CENTER

SCC staff answered:

27,277 emails
83,472 calls
That’s 546,890 minutes on the phone

APPLICANTS AND ENROLLEES

51,550 applicants
21,336 accepted
20,321 enrolled

APPLICANTS

Average GPA 3.59

ENROLLEES

Average GPA 3.73

WHO ENROLLED?

1,662 AAMC Health Professions Program awarders
2,920 Number who identified as disadvantaged

36 Enrollees with DACA status
4,687 Enrollees who received a Pell Grant before medical school

SELF-IDENTIFICATION

White 46.2%
Asian 21.4%
Multiple Race/Ethnicity 10.0%
Black or African American 7.4%
Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin 6.5%

MCAT® SCORES

483 Average
528 High

Low

54.7 Average number of courses taken
1,258 Average number of research lab hours
396.5 Average community service hours

Youngest enrollee: 15
Oldest enrollee: 53

American Medical College Application Service is a program of the Association of American Medical Colleges.
aamc.org/amcas

UCONN ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
PRE-MEDICAL AND DENTAL CENTER
II. Application services

Table A.28: MCAT and GPA Grid for Applicants and Acceptees to U.S. Medical Schools, 2017-2018 through 2019-2020 (aggregated)

The table below displays the acceptance rates at different MCAT and GPA levels for applicants and accepted applicants from 2017-2018 through 2019-2020. The frequencies are combined totals of both years. Please email datarequests@mcac.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

| Total GPA | Acceptance Rate for Applicants | Acceptees | Applicants | Acceptance Rate % | Total MCAT Scores | Less than 486 | 486-489 | 490-491 | 492-494 | 495-497 | 498-501 | 502-505 | 506-509 | 510-513 | 514-517 | Greater than 517 | All Applicants |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|------------------|
| Greater than 3.79 | Acceptees | 6 | 9 | 58 | 290 | 1,007 | 2,003 | 4,945 | 6,273 | 6,312 | 6,893 | 28,702 |
| | Applicants | 159 | 350 | 726 | 1,584 | 3,272 | 4,353 | 7,457 | 8,778 | 7,711 | 7,448 | 43,790 |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 2.5 | 2.8 | 8.0 | 18.8 | 50.8 | 47.9 | 62.1 | 74.9 | 81.9 | 87.8 | 65.5 |
| 3.60-3.79 | Acceptees | 3 | 8 | 55 | 800 | 1,017 | 2,181 | 3,770 | 4,467 | 3,526 | 2,364 | 17,894 |
| | Applicants | 382 | 613 | 1,313 | 2,492 | 4,251 | 6,591 | 7,585 | 7,228 | 4,793 | 2,924 | 57,652 |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.8 | 1.3 | 4.2 | 12.0 | 23.9 | 34.7 | 49.8 | 64.6 | 73.6 | 80.8 | 67.3 |
| 3.40-3.59 | Acceptees | 5 | 10 | 53 | 266 | 748 | 1,340 | 2,034 | 2,290 | 1,552 | 181 | 9,179 |
| | Applicants | 570 | 846 | 1,593 | 2,683 | 4,023 | 5,599 | 5,472 | 4,407 | 2,594 | 1,252 | 28,488 |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.9 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 9.9 | 18.6 | 26.5 | 37.2 | 50.9 | 62.2 | 70.4 | 32.2 |
| 3.20-3.39 | Acceptees | 1 | 6 | 35 | 155 | 424 | 683 | 865 | 850 | 571 | 253 | 3,857 |
| | Applicants | 705 | 835 | 1,474 | 2,183 | 2,821 | 3,176 | 2,921 | 2,170 | 1,123 | 443 | 17,851 |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.1 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 7.1 | 15.0 | 21.5 | 29.6 | 39.9 | 50.8 | 56.9 | 21.8 |
| 3.00-3.19 | Acceptees | 3 | 7 | 17 | 94 | 226 | 327 | 359 | 359 | 166 | 100 | 1,640 |
| | Applicants | 777 | 743 | 1,090 | 1,433 | 1,596 | 1,991 | 1,431 | 1,413 | 1,409 | 416 | 38,208 |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 6.6 | 14.2 | 20.6 | 25.4 | 33.8 | 41.2 | 40.8 | 16.1 |
| 2.80-2.99 | Acceptees | 5 | 3 | 14 | 30 | 67 | 126 | 132 | 86 | 48 | 24 | 535 |
| | Applicants | 673 | 248 | 589 | 700 | 759 | 737 | 755 | 524 | 249 | 58 | 5,190 |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.7 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 8.9 | 17.1 | 21.4 | 26.5 | 28.4 | 41.4 | 10.3 |
| 2.60-2.79 | Acceptees | 0 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 34 | 44 | 33 | 21 | 23 | 6 | 178 |
| | Applicants | 468 | 330 | 396 | 354 | 401 | 267 | 186 | 113 | 57 | 18 | 2,580 |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 3.1 | 8.5 | 16.5 | 17.7 | 18.6 | 40.4 | 33.3 | 6.9 |
| 2.40-2.59 | Acceptees | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 4 | 64 |
| | Applicants | 154 | 68 | 53 | 61 | 44 | 32 | 21 | 17 | 16 | 1,106 |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 12.9 | 24.6 | 25.6 | 25.0 | - | - |
| 2.20-2.39 | Acceptees | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Applicants | 381 | 176 | 170 | 124 | 93 | 69 | 46 | 16 | - | - | - |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 12.9 | 24.6 | 25.6 | 25.0 | - | - |
| 2.00-2.19 | Acceptees | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Applicants | 367 | 30 | 29 | 20 | 13 | 13 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.0 | 0.7 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 13.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Less than 2.60 | Acceptees | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Applicants | 51 | 14 | 14 | 10 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.0 | 0.7 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 13.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All Applicants | Acceptees | 21 | 49 | 289 | 1,164 | 3,533 | 7,325 | 12,360 | 14,859 | 12,209 | 10,504 | 62,083 |
| | Applicants | 4,417 | 4,542 | 7,402 | 11,600 | 17,307 | 22,203 | 26,187 | 34,184 | 16,770 | 12,783 | 148,046 |
| | Acceptance Rate % | 0.5 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 11.0 | 20.4 | 32.3 | 41.6 | 49.9 | 72.8 | 62.5 | 41.9 |
II. Application services

**DO schools (osteopathic medicine)**

- **AACOM**: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
- **AACOMAS**: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service
  - **AACOMAS Applicant Help Center**
DO schools (osteopathic medicine)

2021 cycle dates:

- 5/5/20 primary app opens for submission
- 6/15/20 first day verified apps sent to individual schools
II. Application services

**DO schools (osteopathic medicine)**

2021 cycle fees:

➢ AACOMAS application fee (one school included): $196

➢ Each additional school: $46
II. Application services

➢ Choose DO Explorer
➢ 2020-2021 Student Guide to Osteopathic Medical Colleges
II. Application services

### Mean Grade Point Averages (GPAs) for Entering Students

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### Mean Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) Scores for Entering Students

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<td>126.2</td>
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<td>Chemical &amp; Physical Foundations of Biological Systems</td>
<td>126.7</td>
<td>125.8</td>
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<td>Critical Analysis &amp; Reasoning Skills</td>
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<td>125.4</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL MCAT</strong></td>
<td>502.1</td>
<td>503.9</td>
<td>504.49</td>
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For more applicant and matriculant information, the 2019 applicant and many other reports are available at [www.sccon.org/research](http://www.sccon.org/research).
II. Application services

**Dental schools**

➢ **ADEA**: American Dental Education Association

➢ **AADSAS**: Associated American Dental Schools Application Service
  - [AADSAS Applicant Help Center](#)
II. Application services

Dental schools

2021 cycle dates:

- 5/12/20 primary app opens
- 6/2/20 submission button available
- Schools begin to notify applicants of acceptances on 12/1 and continue until their classes are full.
II. Application services

**Dental schools**

2020 cycle fees:

- AADSAS application fee (one school included): $251
- Each additional school: $108
II. Application services

➢ ADEA Dental School Explorer: $25 (1 year)
➢ ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools: $40
➢ Bundle: $50
II. Application services

Percent of Applicants Enrolled in Dental School, 2000 to 2018
II. Application services

### Percent of Applicants and Enrollees by Range of Grade Point Averages, 2018

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<th>GPA Scores</th>
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II. Application services

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<td>16.0%</td>
<td>37.1%</td>
<td>44.7%</td>
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II. Application services

**Texas Medical & Dental Schools**

➢ Texas Health Education Service

➢ TMDSAS: Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service

II. Application services

Texas Medical & Dental Schools

➢ 2021 cycle dates: 5/1/20 primary app opens for submission
II. Application services

Texas Medical & Dental Schools

- **2020 cycle fees:** $185 TMDSAS application fee (flat fee for all schools)
II. Application services

<table>
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<th>GPA Distribution</th>
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<td>3.60 - 3.51</td>
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** Applicants with only MCAT A scores are reported as "Not Reported" in this distribution chart.

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II. Application services

**PA schools**

➢ **PAEA**: Physician Assistant Education Association

➢ **CASPA**: Central Application Service for Physician Assistants
  ○ [CASPA Applicant Help Center](#)
II. Application services

**PA schools**

2021 cycle dates:

- 4/30/20 primary app opens for submission
II. Application services

**PA schools**

2021 cycle fees:

- CASPA application fee (one school included): $179
- Each additional school: $55
II. Application services

➢ PAEA Program Directory

Visit the 2019-2020 CASPA Application to view participating program pages. Each program page includes the most up-to-date information about key requirements for the current cycle. Students can create an account and view the program information even if they are not planning to apply in the current cycle.

Search results: 6 programs

The current directory data will be updated for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle over the next month. All data in the directory is reported directly by the programs.

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II. Application services

Optometry schools

➢ ASCO: Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
➢ OPTOMCAS: Optometry Centralized Application Service
  ○ OPTOMCAS Applicant Help Center
II. Application services

Optometry schools

2021 cycle dates:

➢ 6/30/20 primary app opens for submission
II. Application services

Optometry schools

2020 cycle fees:

➢ OPTOMCAS application fee (one school included): $180
➢ Each additional school: $70
II. Application services

**Podiatry schools**

➢ **AACPM**: American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine

➢ **AACPMAS**: Optometry Centralized Application Service
  ○ **AACPMAS Applicant Help Center**
II. Application services

**Podiatry schools**

2020 cycle dates:

- 8/7/19 primary app opened for submission
II. Application services

Podiatry schools

2020 cycle fees:

- OPTOMCAS application fee (one school included): $185
- Each additional school: $50
III. Application components

1. Primary application
2. Secondary application
3. Test scores
4. Composite [committee] letter
III. Application components

➢ A school does not typically touch any part of your application until all 4 components are received.

➢ Our submission of the composite letter is completely independent of your submission of the primary and secondary applications as well as test scores.
III. Application components

1. Primary application

➢ “Common app” for each type of school
➢ Fee assistance programs:
  ○ AMCAS
  ○ AACOMAS
  ○ AADSAS
  ○ CASPA
III. Application components

The AMCAS Application

- Identifying Information
- Schools Attended
- Biographic Information
- Course Work
- Work/Activities
- Letters of Evaluation
- Medical Schools
- Essay(s)
- Standardized Tests
III. Application components

- Maximum of 15 entries
- Applicants can enter 3 additional date ranges for repeated activities
- Maximum of 3 “Most Meaningful”
III. Application components

How does AMCAS work?

**Application Submitted**
- Applicant completes & submits AMCAS application online
- Applicant pays submission fees (or uses valid Fee Assistance Program benefits)

**Application Processed**
- Applicant arranges for all required official transcripts to be sent to AMCAS
- AMCAS performs verification of coursework and calculates AMCAS GPAs

**Application Delivered**
- AMCAS distributes verified application to designated med schools
- AMCAS delivers letters to designated med schools as they are received

The 2020 AMCAS application is now open. If you wish to start medical school in Fall 2020, please complete and submit the 2020 AMCAS application. Please be sure to proofread your application before submitting.

As of February 4, AMCAS is:

- Marking transcripts as "Received" that were delivered on February 3.
- Processing applications that reached "Ready for Review" on February 3.
- Processing Academic Change Requests submitted on February 3.
III. Application components

AMCAS Verification

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# of business days to complete verification
III. Application components

2. Secondary application

➢ “Supplementals” for each individual school
➢ CASPer exam
➢ Secondary essay prompts database
III. Application components

3. Test scores: MCAT

➢ 7 hours, 30 minutes
➢ The MCAT Essentials for Testing Year 2020
➢ How to Create a Study Plan for the MCAT Exam
➢ Registration for the July-September testing dates is now open!
III. Application components

3. Test scores: MCAT

➢ We strongly recommend that you take the MCAT no later than mid/late July.

➢ You can submit your primary application before you’ve even sat for the MCAT!
III. Application components

3. Test scores: MCAT

➤ You can take the MCAT...
  ○ up to 3 times in a single testing year
  ○ up to 4 times in 2 consecutive years
  ○ up to 7 times in a lifetime

➤ You can reschedule 48 hours after testing
III. Application components
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#### 2020 REGISTRATION FEES

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Note: All fees are in U.S. dollars.
*All deadlines are 11:59 p.m. local test center time.
**These fees are in addition to the initial registration fee and are non-refundable.
III. Application components

MCAT2015 has four test sections:

- Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems
- Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills
- Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems
- Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior

MCAT2015 Total Score

- With centers at 125, section scores range from 118 to 132.
- The section scores sum to the total score.
- With its center at 500, the total score ranges from 472 to 528.
III. Application components

3. Test scores: DAT

➢ 5 hours, 15 minutes
➢ DAT 2020 Program Guide
➢ You can retake the DAT up to 3 times
➢ You must wait 90 days between sittings
### III. Application components

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III. Application components

3. Test scores: OAT

➢ 5 hours, 5 minutes
➢ [OAT 2020 Candidate Guide](#)
➢ You can retake the OAT up to 3 times
➢ You must wait 90 days between sittings
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III. Application components

 ➢ Holistic admissions

“Holistic review is an admissions process that considers each applicant individually by balancing their academic metrics with experiences and attributes.” (AAMC)
III. Application components

➢ Holistic admissions

“Holistic review—a flexible, individualized applicant assessment tool—provides admissions committees a balanced means of considering candidates’ personal experiences, attributes and academic credentials, along with qualities and characteristics that would prove valuable in both dental school and the oral health profession.” (ADEA)
### III. Application components

#### AAMC’s 15 Core Competencies

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ONE HOUR LATER
IV. Composite letters & process

What is a composite [committee] letter?

“A letter authored by a pre-health committee or pre-health advisor and intended to represent your institution’s evaluation of you. A Committee Letter may or may not include additional letters written in support of your application. This is sometimes called a Composite Letter.” (AAMC)
IV. Composite letters & process

➢ During the **2020 cycle**, our office submitted...
  ○ **225** composites to AMCAS
  ○ **111** composites to AACOMAS
  ○ **44** composites to AADSAS
  ○ **8** composites to CASPA
  ○ **8** composites to TMDSAS
  ○ **2** composites to OPTOMCAS
  ○ **27** composites to international schools
IV. Composite letters & process
IV. Composite letters & process

➢ If at any point in the application cycle you decide to defer your application until the 2022 cycle, please contact our office as soon as you arrive at that decision.
IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 1
How is a composite letter different from a letter packet or individual letters of recommendation, and is it necessary?

- Most comprehensive model--at UConn, we do include individual LOR within it.
- Yes and no...
IV. Composite letters & process

Letters of Evaluation

Add Letter of Evaluation/Recommendation

Many medical schools determine whether or not an applicant has met their letter of evaluation/recommendation requirements by the type of letters they receive in support of an application. For example, a medical school may require a committee letter OR three individual letters in support of your application. Please review the AMCAS Applicant Guide for more information about Letters of Evaluation.

Please identify the type of letter you wish to enter. If you are uncertain as to the type of letters provided by your school/institution, please ask your pre-health advisor or career center prior to answering this question.

- Committee Letter:
  A committee is a letter authored by a pre-health committee or pre-health advisor and intended to represent your institution's evaluation of you. A committee letter may or may not include additional letters written in support of your application. A Committee Letter is sometimes called a composite letter.

- Letter Packet:
  A packet or set of letters assembled and distributed by your institution, often by the institution's career center.

- Individual Letter:
  An individual letter refers only to a letter authored by and representing a single letter writer. If you have already included an individual letter within either a committee letter or letter packet, you do not need to add a separate entry for the individual letter.

Letter Title

Please enter a title for this letter
FAQ 2

Who writes my composite letter?

- **Pre-med & other composites:** written jointly by Drs. Sanford & Albert

- **Pre-dent composites:** written by Dr. Abbott
FAQ 3

Who assembles and submits my composite letter?

- Office staff
- Assembly line process with much coordination between people
IV. Composite letters & process

➢ Pre-Medical composite timeline

NEW APPLICANTS ONLY—2021 Cycle Composite Letter Timeline

All applicants must complete the following by 3/1/20 at 11:59 pm in this order. We strongly encourage you to complete these early as interviews will be assigned as requests are received.

1. Register for the portal [here](#).

2. Complete the Student Registration, Competency-Based Admissions, HPED, Questions, and Resume pages of your portal.

3. Once you have completed those five sections, check the “I am ready to submit my application” box. The system will prompt you to enter your availability for an initial composite interview. Once we have received the request, a member of our staff will contact you shortly with a date and time.

4. Send out requests for individual letters of recommendation through your References page *(can be completed following your composite interview).*
### IV. Composite letters & process

#### Cycle #1 – Composite letter will be submitted by 7/31/20 (provided all deadlines below are followed). Early submissions will be submitted as they are completed.

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*If any of the above materials are NOT submitted by the deadlines above, your composite letter will be submitted during the next composite letter cycle.*

#### Cycle #2 – Composite letter will be submitted by 8/31/20 (provided all deadlines below are followed). Early submissions will be submitted as they are completed.

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IV. Composite letters & process

➢ Pre-Dental composite timeline

NEW APPLICANTS ONLY–2021 Cycle Composite Letter Timeline

1. Register for the portal here.
2. Complete the Student Registration, Competency-Based Admissions, HPED, Questions, and Resume pages of your portal.
3. Once you have submitted those five sections, check the “I am ready to submit my application” box. The system will prompt you to enter your availability for a composite interview, but as a pre-dental student, please enter “N/A.” Dr. Abbott has traditionally not required a composite interview because he feels that he has gotten to know you throughout your four years at UConn well enough. However, if you are a transfer student or have never met him before, you may want to consider scheduling a regular appointment with him at nexus.uconn.edu and indicate “composite interview” in the notes.
4. Send out requests for individual letters of recommendation through your References page.

1. Confirm all letters of recommendation have been fully uploaded to your References page. Check the box that reads “Please check this box when ALL of your Individual letters of recommendation have been uploaded to your References page.”
2. Complete the Course Grades and IDs pages of your portal

Composite letter will be submitted by 7/31/20 (provided all deadlines above are followed). Early submissions will be submitted as they are completed.
IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 3

1. Office receives notification that all LOR are in → office staff insert individual LOR then pass file off to advisors for drafting
2. File passed between relevant advisors, then back to office staff
3. When office staff deems file is ready (including no issues with individual LOR), pass back to advisors for final check
4. [All but pre-dent]
   a. If waiting on test scores → hold composite until released
   b. If not waiting on test scores → submit composite!
IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 4

What does a composite interview entail?

- We do NOT usually conduct interviews for pre-dentals
- Part I: with Krista (logistics, gathering key information)
- Part II: with Dr. Albert OR Dr. Sanford (more interview-y feel)
- Each part is 20 minutes long
- Part II is scheduled together at the conclusions of Part I
FAQ 5
Do I have to dress up for my composite interview?

- No! Regular student dress is fine.
IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 6

From whom should I request my individual letters of recommendation?

- Based on what some schools require, we recommend:
  - 2 science faculty LOR (MCB/PNB/EEB, CHEM, PHYS)
  - 1 non-science faculty LOR
  - 1 physician LOR (some DO schools require a DO LOR)
  - 1 research PI LOR
  - 1-2 character references
IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 6

- Schools are very finicky about formatting these days. We have had LOR be explicitly rejected.
- Individual LOR formatting:
  - Letterhead
  - Hand signature (electronic version of hand signature OK)
  - Dated
IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 7

I’m applying to some master’s programs and/or international schools that don’t use the above “common” application services. Can you send them my composite letter?

- Absolutely--send us a cover message listing the names of ALL programs that you’re applying to and submission instructions for each program (email or physical address or electronic link)
- Please avoid multiple emails!
FAQ 8
What are the two IDs you need to submit my composite letter to AMCAS?

- **AAMC ID**: 8-digit number unique to each applicant (yours for life)
- **AMCAS Letter ID**: 7-digit number unique to each letter you request in the system
IV. Composite letters & process

**FAQ 9**
Whose contact information should I use when I’m filling out my committee letter request in the CAS application services?

- Please use Drs. Sanford, Albert, or Abbott’s names but [premed_predental@uconn.edu](mailto:premed_predental@uconn.edu) for the email.
FAQ 10
Can you forward my official transcript to my relevant application services?

- No, only the UConn Registrar can do that. Fill out the appropriate transcript request form (found within your primary app) and forward to them.
IV. Composite letters & process

A message from Dr. Abbott regarding:

➢ Composite interviews
➢ 4 letters of recommendation minimum

I need ALL individual letters of recommendation before I can draft your composite letter!
IV. Composite letters & process

➢ Remember to send your individual LOR writers a thank you message. It takes several hours to draft an excellent letter and some of them write dozens of LOR! Also, keep them updated throughout the application cycle.
IV. Composite letters & process

➢ **Reapplicants & Previous Cycle Deferrals**

➢ 2018 cycle and before applicants:
  ○ You no longer have access to the old portal (but our staff does)
  ○ Don’t worry because we still have your individual letters of recommendation.

➢ Upcoming uniform cover sheet for all reapplicants & previous cycle deferrals--hang tight
V. The portal

1. What is the portal?
2. Old portal vs. new portal
3. Navigating the portal

ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY
REQUEST A COMPOSITE LETTER
WITHOUT REGISTERING ON THE PORTAL
V. The portal

Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Center

- Please complete the Student Registration, Competency-Based Admissions, HPED, Questions, and Resume pages below in order to submit a request for a composite interview with the Pre-Medical/Dental Center. The other pages can be completed after your interview as the information becomes available.
- You can click the "Save Draft" button on each individual page and modify items at a later time before clicking the "Finish Page" button when it is ready for final submission.
- References section is only available after finishing the Student Registration section.

Krista Rogers

Application Status - Submitted

Complete Checklist

- ✔️ Student Registration
- ✔️ Competency-Based Admissions
- ✔️ HPED
- Questions
- Exams
- Resume
- Course Grades
- Draft
- IDs
- References

I am ready to schedule Pt I of my composite interview (20 minutes)

Please select this button once you have completed the Student Registration, Competency-Based Admissions, HPED, Questions, and Resume pages.

* Please list your availability for Pt I of your composite interview and whether you prefer it to be in person or via phone (e.g., Mondays 2-6 pm in person)

Note that composite interviews are conducted in two parts of 20 minutes each. Both parts, especially Pt I, can be conducted over the phone if that is most convenient for you, though we recommend that you complete Pt II in person if at all possible.

A date and time for Pt II will be scheduled with you at the conclusion of Pt I. PRE-DENTAL APPLICANTS: please enter "N/A" when the system prompts you for a composite interview time.

Test
V. The portal

IMPORTANT: References page

☐ Please check this box when ALL of your individual letters of recommendation have been uploaded to your References page. Doing so will enter your file into a queue for our staff to proceed with the final drafting, editing, and submission of your composite letter.
V. The portal

FAQ 1

What if one of my letter writers contacts me to say that they’re having trouble submitting their letter through the portal?

- They can email it to premed_predental@uconn.edu or fax it to 860-486-0222.
- Do NOT have them send it directly to any advisor.
- We CANNOT accept any LOR directly from you.
FAQ 2

How do I know if my individual letters of recommendation have correct formatting?

● When the office staff are inserting your individual LOR, we will automatically reach out to you to let you know if we find any issues.

● This is the most time-consuming task for the office staff!
VI. What happens after?

WHEN YOU BUST YOUR BUTT GETTING INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL

BUT NOW YOU HAVE TO DO MEDICAL SCHOOL
VI. What happens after?

➢ Familiarize yourself with your application service’s “traffic rules”

➢ AMCAS:
  ○ Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants
  ○ Choose Your Medical School tool (opens in February)
VI. What happens after?

### Timeline: What Applicants and Medical Schools Can Do and When

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<td>“Plan to Enroll” becomes available for applicants to select in the AMCAS application.</td>
<td>Applicants can begin to select “Plan to Enroll” for their top medical school choice. Applicants should use the tool at the direction of the schools to which they have applied.</td>
<td>Medical schools can run an aggregate report to determine how many applicants in their pool have selected “Plan to Enroll” for their school or for another school.**</td>
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<td>April 15***</td>
<td>Applicant protocols ask applicants to narrow their acceptance offers to three.</td>
<td>Applicants holding more than three offers should narrow their offers of acceptance to three, with no limit on alternate-list offers.</td>
<td>Medical schools continue to submit timely admissions actions to the AMCAS program.</td>
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<td>April 30***</td>
<td>“Commit to Enroll” becomes available to applicants in the AMCAS tool. “Plan to Enroll” remains available to applicants in the AMCAS tool.</td>
<td>Applicants should use the tool at the direction of the schools to which they have applied and can select “Plan to Enroll” or “Commit to Enroll” in the AMCAS tool. “Commit to Enroll” indicates that they have made their final selection and have withdrawn all other applications. <em>This does not automatically withdraw applicants from other medical schools.</em></td>
<td>Medical schools can run detailed reports to identify their accepted and alternate-list applicants who have selected “Plan to Enroll” or “Commit to Enroll” at their school versus another school.</td>
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<td>Post-cycle (around October)</td>
<td>AMCAS application cycle closes.</td>
<td>Applicants have matriculated.</td>
<td>Medical schools can see where applicants in their pool matriculated.</td>
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**Schools will only be able to access information on applicants who were accepted to their school. Schools will not be able view students who hold zero acceptances.  
***AMCAS will email applicants who have an acceptance about the best practices of the Choose Your Medical School tool and the significance of the protocols.
VI. What happens after?

Acceptance Activity, Apr. – Jul.: 2019 vs. 2018

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New Acceptances to Accepted Applicants

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The table includes the number of accepted applicants that received a new acceptance by month.
VI. What happens after?

Alternate List Activity, Apr. – Jul.: 2019 vs. 2018

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Note: >95% of schools submitted AL actions in 2019; 67% of schools submitted AL actions in 2018
VI. What happens after?

➢ Use caution when sending updates/letters of interest to schools: not all want them
➢ We are here to counsel you on ways to improve your application and/or enrichment year plans
VI. What happens after?

“I'm a former medical school admissions committee member, and at our school, there was no intrinsic disadvantage to being a re-applicant; a significant percentage of our entering medical school classes each year were students who applied more than once. When our committee evaluated a second application from an applicant, the key question was: How much and in what ways has this application changed since we saw it last? It was pretty common that applicants would submit essentially the same application as before, on a second (or third) attempt. If there weren't any substantive changes in the application, the applicant wouldn't be invited for an interview and would be rejected. However, when a re-applicant made the effort to identify the weaknesses in the first application and then worked on doing what was needed to strengthen those parts of the application, our admissions committee was positively impressed by the applicant's persistence and willingness to work hard to improve the application. In general, I think it's a mistake for an aspiring physician to submit the AMCAS application if the applicant knows there are areas of weakness in it (such as lower-than-competitive MCAT score). It's a sure thing that if the applicant and the advisor can see a major weakness in an application, the medical school admissions committees will also see that weakness. In my experience, the strategy of ‘I'll go ahead and submit my application, because I might get lucky and they might overlook my MCAT score because I'm a really nice person and I really want to be admitted to medical school’ rarely succeeds.”

(Adjunct Professor, University of North Carolina at Greensboro)
VII. Resources

➢ UConn Pre-Med/Dent Center workshops:
  ● All will be recorded and uploaded to
    https://premed.uconn.edu/videoseries/
  • 2021 Cycle Application Orientation: February 6 / 6-7:30 pm / Oak 101
  • Selecting Schools to Apply to Workshop: March 2 / 3-4 pm / BOUS A106
  • Personal Statements Workshop: March 11 / 3-4 pm / STRS WW16
  • Secondary Applications Workshop: March 25 / 3-4 pm / STRS WW01
VII. Resources

➢ **Center for Career Development (CCD)**
  ○ Personal statement review (also Writing Center)
  ○ Alumni networking: Husky Mentor Network
  ○ Navigating the Healthcare Admissions Interview (summer webinar and fall workshop)
VII. Resources

➢ AMCAS: 202-828-0600 / amcas@aamc.org
➢ AACOMAS: 617-612-2889 / aacomasinfo@liaisoncas.com
➢ AADSAS: 617-612-2045 / aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org
➢ TMDSAS: 512-499-4785 / info@tmdsas.com
➢ CASPA: 617-612-2080 / caspainfo@caspaonline.org
➢ OPTOMCAS: 617-612-2888 / optomcasinfo@optomcas.org
➢ AACPMAS: 617-612-2900 / aacpmasinfo@aacpmas.org
Applicants at the end of this presentation:

Any last questions?

Thank you!