2022 Cycle Application Orientation
Health Professional Schools
Agenda

I. Housekeeping
II. Application services
III. Application components
IV. UConn letter packets & process
V. Applicant preparation
VI. What happens after?
Two overall goals tonight

1. Inform you about the application process to health professional schools and the ways our office will support you in this process
2. Enable you to gauge whether you truly feel ready to apply to health professional schools this cycle
I. Housekeeping

PET POLICY: If a pet enters the camera frame of a presenter during our orientation, we will pause paws our discussion for an introduction to that pet and admiration by all.
I. Housekeeping
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- ListServ/Weekly newsletter
- Email us and request to be added
- Primary place for 2022 cycle information

premed_predental@uconn.edu
I. Housekeeping

- premed.uconn.edu - Updates!
- premed_predental@uconn.edu
- Instagram: uconn_premed_predental
- Rowe Building, 4th floor

All Spring 2021 appointments are conducted virtually via WebEx. When the office opens again, swing by to grab a pen, stress ball, and highlighter!
I. Housekeeping

2022 MED/DENT APPLICATION CYCLE
SPRING WORKSHOP SERIES

- Monday, February 8 / 2-3 pm / Letters of Recommendation:
  Who and How to Ask (with OUR) / Link at
  ugradresearch.uconn.edu/workshops

- Wednesday, February 10 / 6-7:30 pm / 2022 Cycle
  Application Orientation

- Monday, March 8 / 3-4 pm / Selecting Schools to Apply to

- Friday, March 19 / 1-2 pm / Personal Statements (with CCD)

- Tuesday, March 23 / 3-4 pm / Secondary Applications

-[TBD July/August] Navigating the Healthcare Admissions
  Interview (with CCD)

ALL WORKSHOPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT
UCONNVTC.WEBEX.COM/MEET/PREADVIS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE RECORDED AND UPLOADED TO
PREMED.UCONN.EDU/VIDEOSERIES/.
Chat with Alumni

Focus on Osteopathic Medicine

Thursday, 2/11 7-8 pm
uconnvtc.webex.com/meet/preadvis

Nadii Mored (UConn ’19, NSU-KPCOM ’23) is a second-year osteopathic medical student at the Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-KCOM). She graduated from UConn with a degree in Molecular and Cell Biology in 2015. While at UConn, Nadii was involved in research at UConn Health, the translational research program at CAMC, and the Collegiate Health Service Corps. After graduation, Nadii matriculated to medical school where she was the Pediatrics Interest Group on campus and a mentor to first-year medical students. Nadii enjoys nothing the beautiful Florida beaches on her days off. She hopes to pursue a specialty in pediatrics and will begin her clinical rotations in June 2021.

Shana Mored (UConn ’19, UNHCOM ’24) is a first-year osteopathic medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNHCOM). She graduated from UConn’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a degree in Molecular and Cell Biology in 2019. During her undergraduate studies, Shana performed research in UConn’s Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Division of Medicinal Chemistry. She was involved in the Undergraduate Research Association Program. She held leadership positions in Partners in Health Engage, Brown Student Association, and the Public Health Honors C. She also served in the Collegiate Health Service Corps. Shana took a gap year between college and medical school during which she served as an AmeriCorps member under the program Service to Improve Community Health and held a position as a data analyst at a federally-qualified health center.
I. Housekeeping

Enrichment Programs

- Enrichment Programs Department
  - Honors Program
  - Individualized and Interdisciplinary Studies Program
  - Office of National Scholarships and Fellowships
  - Office of Pre-Professional Advising
    - Pre-Law Advising Office
    - Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Advising Office
  - Office of Undergraduate Research
  - University Scholar Program
- [https://enrichment.uconn.edu/](https://enrichment.uconn.edu/)

PRE-MEDICAL AND PRE-DENTAL ADVISING OFFICE
I. Housekeeping

Advisors

- Director of Pre-Professional Advising
  - Erin Ciarimboli, PhD

- Pre-Medical
  - Keat Sanford, PhD
  - Khalilah Arrington, PhD student

- Pre-Dental
  - Thomas Abbott, PhD

- Staff and/or advisors
  - Krista Rogers, MA
  - Susan Ruggiero, MS
  - Emma Belliveau, BS
I. Housekeeping

- Allyson (Major: Diagnostic Genetic Sciences/Minor: Bioinformatics ’21) :
- Amari (Major: Actuarial Science, ’22)
- Manisha (Majors: Molecular and Cell Biology & Anthropology ’21) :(
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
  - 2022 Guide will be available in April 2021
II. Application services

MD schools (allopathic medicine)

2022 cycle dates:

- 5/3/21 primary app opens
- 5/27/21 submission button available *(2020 delay)*
- 6/25/21 first day verified apps sent to individual schools
- *Schools typically begin to notify applicants of acceptances on 10/15.*
II. Application services

MD schools (allopathic medicine)

2021 cycle fees:

- AMCAS application fee (one school included): $170
- Each additional school: $41
- AMCAS Fee Assistance Program (opened 2/8/21)
II. Application services

- **Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)**
- 1-year subscription: $28
- 2-year subscription: $36

![Matriculation Data for First Year Class](chart.png)

Matriculation Data for First Year Class

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- **2016**
- **2017**
- **2018**
- **2019**
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**
II. Application services

DO schools (osteopathic medicine)

2021 cycle dates:

- 5/5/20 primary app opened for submission
- 6/15/20 first day verified apps sent to individual schools

*Schools typically begin to notify applicants of acceptances time after interviews.*
II. Application services

DO schools (osteopathic medicine)

2021 cycle fees:

- AACOMAS application fee (one school included): $196
- Each additional school: $46
- AACOMAS Fee Waiver Program
II. Application services

- Choose DO Explorer (free!)
- 2020-2021 Student Guide to Osteopathic Medical Colleges (2021-2022 Guide not yet available)
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

2022 cycle dates:

- 5/11/21 primary app opens
- 6/1/21 submission button available (2020 delay)
- *Schools typically begin to notify applicants of acceptances on 12/1.*
II. Application services

Dental schools

2021 cycle fees:

- AADSAS application fee (one school included): $259
- Each additional school: $112
- [AADSAS Fee Assistance Program](#)
II. Application services

- ADEA Dental School Explorer: $25 (1 year)
- ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools: $40 (new Guide to be released soon)
- Bundle: $50
II. Application services

**Texas Medical & Dental schools**

- Texas Health Education Service
- TMDSAS: Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service
  - Application Handbook EY 2021
    (2022 Handbook not yet available)
II. Application services

Texas Medical & Dental schools

2021 cycle dates:

- 5/1/20 primary app opened for submission
- 6/1/20 first day verified apps sent to individual schools
II. Application services

Texas Medical & Dental schools

2021 cycle fees:

- $185 TMDSAS application fee (flat fee for all schools)
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 opened for submission
II. Application services

**PA schools**

**2021 cycle fees:**

- CASPA application fee (one school included): $179
- Each additional school: $55
- [CASPA Fee Assistance Program](#)
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 opened for submission
II. Application services

Optometry schools

2021 cycle fees:

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

- **Optometry Programs Admissions Directory**
II. Application services

Podiatry schools

- **AACPM**: American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
- **AACPMAS**: American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service
  - **AACPMAS Applicant Help Center**
II. Application services

Podiatry schools

2021 cycle dates:

- 7/30/20 primary app opened for submission
II. Application services

Podiatry schools

2021 cycle fees:

- AACPMAS application fee (one school included): $185
- Each additional school: $50
II. Application services

- Podiatric Medical Colleges
II. Application services

- AMCAS: 202-828-0600 / amcas@aamc.org
- AACOMAS: 617-612-2889 / aacomasiinfo@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
III. Application components

1. Primary application
2. Secondary application
3. Test scores
4. Letters of recommendation

premed.uconn.edu/primary-applications/
III. Application components

- A school does not typically touch any part of your application until all 4 components are received.
- Our submission of your letter packet is completely independent of your submission of the primary and secondary applications as well as test scores.
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)

“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

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- **The Core Competencies for Entering Medical Students**
- **Real Stories Demonstrating Core Competencies**

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III. Application components

Doug wanted me to give
to give this guy 500,000 milligrams of morphine.

I thought I'd check with you before I killed a man.
III. Application components

1. Primary application

- “Common app” for each type of school

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**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

Course Work

Applicants should use a personal copy of their official transcript to complete this section.
III. Application components

**Work/Activities**

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

**Personal Comments Essay**

Some questions you may want to consider while drafting this essay are:

- Why have you selected the field of medicine?
- What motivates you to learn more about medicine?
- What do you want medical schools to know about you that hasn't been disclosed in another section of the application?

In addition, you may wish to include information such as:

- Special hardships, challenges or obstacles that may have influenced your educational pursuits
- Commentary on significant fluctuations in your academic record which are not explained elsewhere in your application
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
III. Application components

**AMCAS Verification**

Pre-dents: Verification happens FAST!!
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 2021
   - Testing accommodations
   - How to Create a Study Plan for the MCAT Exam
III. Application components

3. Test scores: MCAT

- Registration for April-June dates opens on 2/17 and 2/18 (depends on testing location).
- Registration for July-September dates opens in May.
- Rescheduling and cancellation fees are waived through June dates currently.
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 taken 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

2021 Schedule for the Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®)*

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III. Application components

MCAT2015 has four test sections:

- Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems
  - Score: 118-132

- Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills
  - Score: 125

- Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems
  - Score: 118-132

- Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior
  - Score: 125

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 2021 Candidate Guide** *(testing accommodations)*
- 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 2021 Candidate Guide](#) (testing accommodations)
- You can retake the OAT up to 3 times
- You must wait 90 days between sittings
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III. Application components

4. Letters of recommendation

- Workshop recording!
- Choosing the right letter writers
- Guidelines for writing a letter of evaluation for an applicant
III. Application components

4. *Letters of recommendation*

- *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
III. Application components

4. *Letters of recommendation*

- ASK PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU WELL
- Never assume someone will write
- Be prepared to share resume and personal statement draft with letter writers
III. Application components

4. *Letters of recommendation*

- 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.
III. Application components

4. Letters of recommendation
   ● **Formatting:**
     ○ Date
     ○ Letterhead *(professional or personal)*
     ○ Hand signature (electronic version of hand signature OK)
III. Application components

- *A note about official transcripts:*
  - Only the UConn Registrar can release official transcripts
  - UConn uses the **Parchment** e-transcript service (request in Student Admin)
  - Wait until spring grades are posted before requesting
IV. UConn letter packets & process

- For the 2022 cycle, our office will offer a Letter Packet, which includes an individualized, non-evaluative cover letter.
IV. UConn letter packets & process

- “Letter Packet: A packet or set of letters assembled and distributed by your institution, often by the institution’s career center. A Letter Packet may include a cover sheet from your prehealth committee or advisor; however, in contrast to a Committee Letter, a Letter Packet does not include an evaluative letter from your prehealth committee or advisor.” (AAMC)
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

Applicants can submit their application **before** AMCAS receives their letters.
IV. UConn letter packets & process

ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY
GET A LETTER PACKET
WITHOUTsubmitting a portfolio
IV. UConn letter packets & process

- To receive a Letter Packet, applicants must...
  - submit a Health Professions Applicant Portfolio
  - participate in a 45-minute Applicant Coaching Session
  - collect their individual LOR through our office
IV. UConn letter packets & process

Submit your Applicant Portfolio

Discuss it in a Coaching Session

Request & collect individual letters

Provide your Application ID(s)

Advising Office compiles & submits your Letter Packet
IV. UConn letter packets & process

- **Timeline:**
  - Portfolio will open on Monday, 2/15 at 9 a.m.
  - Applicant Coaching Sessions will be scheduled beginning Wednesday, 2/24
  - Scheduled on a rolling basis
IV. UConn letter packets & process

DID YOU COMPLETE YOUR FORMAL EDUCATION ASSIGNMENT

NO

BUT I ORGANIZED MY CHAMBER

YOU USED ONE RESPONSIBILITY TO EVADE ANOTHER

YES

THIS WILL BE A CRUCIAL PRODUCTIVITY STRATEGY FOR THE REST OF YOUR EXISTENCE

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V. Applicant preparation

Complete two applications in the Quest Portal (SMAp ply) at quest.uconn.edu

1. Health Professions Applicant Portfolio
2. Health Professions Letter Packet

Direct links to each application will be posted to our website once they are live (2/15/2021).
V. Applicant preparation

1. Health Professions Applicant Portfolio

- Submit your portfolio when you have completed all required tasks.
  - You will input your availability for an Applicant Coaching Session.
  - Our office will reach out to you with a scheduled date and time.

- Student Registration
- Competency-Based Reflection
- Competency Self-Assessment
- Health Professions Evaluation Documents (HPED)
- Questions
- Exams (optional)
- Resume
- UConn Transcript (Unofficial)
- Additional Unofficial Transcript(s) (Optional) (optional)
V. Applicant preparation

2. Health Professions Letter Packet

- Submit this application when **ALL** of your individual LOR are received.
  - This prompts us to begin compiling your Letter Packet.
  - At this point, we will reach out to inform you of any individual LOR formatting concerns and to prompt you to enter your Application ID(s).

Please enter the name and email address for each of your recommenders; you may also enter a message that will be included in the recommendation request message that is sent.

For any recommender who is a UConn affiliate, please make sure to enter their UConn email address. UConn and UConn Health email addresses come in many forms; by looking up your recommender in the UConn Phone Book and using the email address listed there, you can ensure that you enter the email address associated with their netID.
V. Applicant preparation

Let’s take a peek at some of the questions, shall we?
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?

- Interview invites come anywhere from late summer through February

**TRADITIONAL:**
- One-on-one or group conversation between you and program representatives
- Topics include: background, motivation, depth and breadth of interest, hot topics, ethics, empathy, teamwork, experience

**MULTIPLE MINI INTERVIEW:**
- A series of short, structured interview stations involving live and/or prepared scenarios
- Topics include: ethical decision making, critical thinking, communication skills, current healthcare and societal issues
VI. What happens after?

- **Center for Career Development (CCD)**
  - Personal statement review (also: Writing Center)
  - Alumni networking: Husky Mentor Network
  - Navigating the Healthcare Admissions Interview (joint workshop TBD later in the summer)
  - 45-minute mock interviews
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?

- 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 growth year plans
VI. What happens after?

- During the **2021 cycle**, our office worked with...
  - 278 applicants to AMCAS
  - 112 applicants to ACOMAS
  - 35 applicants to AADSAS
  - 6 applicants to CASPA *(who were applying to other schools as well)*
  - 13 applicants to TMDSAS
  - 1 applicant to OPTOMCAS
  - 25+ applicants to international schools

- [premed.uconn.edu/uconn-applicant-data/](premed.uconn.edu/uconn-applicant-data/)
VI. What happens after?
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- If at any point in the application cycle you decide to defer your application until the 2023 cycle, **please contact our office as soon as you arrive at that decision.**
Applicants at the end of this presentation: