

Preparing for Medical School while at CC

First Year:

Attend orientation meeting at the beginning of the year
Register for 8th Block FY180 (Science in Medicine) course – open to first year students only

First Year & Sophomore Years:

Attend Health Professions Club meetings
Get on the Health Professions Advising e-mail distribution list for notices of health profession related events
Take required courses for medical school
Take courses in the humanities and social sciences to fulfill CC graduation requirements
Get to know faculty and administrators
Start looking into possible medical schools
Learn about the medical practice (volunteer, shadow)

During the summer:

Volunteer – clinical experience
Shadow
Work in a research lab, research fellowships, internships

Junior Year: (time line when applying for **entrance in the fall after your CC graduation**)

Complete all basic pre-requisite courses before taking the MCAT, DAT, GRE or other required entrance test
Get on the Health Professions Advising e-mail distribution list for notices of HPA events, if you aren't already
Attend Health Professions Club meetings especially those pertaining to mock interviews, personal statement, tests & applications
Begin writing your personal statement and resume
Pick up HPA personal information packet at Health Professions Advising Office
Research possible medical schools, start list of schools
Attend one on one informational meeting with Health Professions Advising Committee before the end of the academic year

October:

Participate in mock interview

December onward:

Distribute letter of evaluation waiver request forms to prospective referees
Begin review (on your own or through a professional company) for required entrance test
Check out test registration information - print out and read all important pages at: www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp ,
www.aamc.org/mcat Hardcopy of registration information at Health Professions Advising Office
DAT Registration 90 days prior to desired test date **Release scores to HPA Office** www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp
MCAT Registration is 4-5 months prior to desired test date **Release scores to HPA Office** www.aamc.org/mcat
(20+ test administrations [January – September])

May:

Return HPA personal information packet to Health Professions Office
AMCAS application available to view, instructions & manuals to print out: www.aamc.org/students/amcas/start.htm
Hardcopy of AMCAS, AADSAS and VMCAS information at Health Professions Advising Office

June:

Earliest submission date for AMCAS, AACOMAS, AADSAS, TMSAS & VMCAS applications - be mindful of final submission deadlines
Authorize HPA Office to view application Application verification may take 4-8 weeks to process so apply accordingly.
Confirm HPA Office has personal information packet, test scores, letters of evaluation and authorization to view application data

June:

Early Decision Program application period

July:

HPA committee begins writing composite letters - written & sent to medical schools in order of file completion

August:

Early Decision Program interviews begin

During the summer:

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Senior Year: (time line when applying for **entrance in the fall after your CC graduation**)

Complete all basic pre-requisite courses and graduation requirements
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October:

Participate in mock interviews
Early Decision Program notification of acceptance
VMCAS application deadline

October – March:

School entrance application deadline*
School interviews*

November – August:

Notification of acceptance*

During your time off:

Volunteer – clinical experience
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Work in a research lab, research fellowships, internships
Do anything that will make you a stronger applicant

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Senior Year: (time line when applying for **entrance a year after your CC graduation**)

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After graduation, a year and a half before anticipated entrance to medical school:
(time line when applying for **entrance more than a year after your CC graduation**)

Complete all basic pre-requisite courses before taking the MCAT, DAT, GRE or other required entrance test

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* These dates vary according to individual schools

**** Authorizing HPA Office to view test scores & application expedites submission of your letters of evaluation, assists in record keeping (HPA Office knows you are intending to apply) and reporting to CC administration****