Applying to Medical School this Cycle: Deadlines & Key Dates

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Plan Ahead:
Managing your time between now and June 1st

- Meaningful Experiences
- Personal Statement
- Choosing your Medical School
- Letters of Recommendations
- PIR Process
- AMCAS Submission
Meaningful Experiences (you will not be admitted to medical school without clinical/patient care experiences and a demonstrated commitment to serving others)

- Clinical Exposure
  - What experiences have you had in a healthcare environment that demonstrate an understanding of the profession on a daily basis?

- Community Service
  - What volunteer experiences show genuine passion toward helping others? Doesn’t always have to be a clinical setting

- Leadership
  - What experiences show you possess the goal-setting and teamwork abilities necessary to thrive in the healthcare environment?

- Research
  - Importance depends on your goals.

- Other (study abroad, internship, foreign language, etc.)
Personal Statement

- Often takes at least 2 months to write (those applying MD/PhD will be required to write an additional essay describing your research activities)
- PS **is not** about “here is a list of what I have experienced/done.”
- PS **is** about “here is how my experiences have influenced/solidified my desire to pursue a career as a physician”
- Professor Dahlheimer (Lecturer in Tech Writing, Urbauer 104 next to Stanley’s) is available to review engineering student’s Personal Statement
- Pre-Health Personal Statement Workshop
  - Tuesday, February 6th: 4-6PM
  - Monday, March 5th: 4-6PM
  - Location: Seigle L006 (2/6) or Seigle 106 (3/5)
  - Email Susan Lowther at selowthe@wustl.edu to register
Choosing your Medical School

- Recommend apply to 12-15 medical schools
- Recommend apply to all your state schools
  - keep in mind certain public institutions may have specific goals related to their state, such as increasing the supply of physicians there
- Think about issues important to you: geographic location, large/small, public/private, scholarship aid, feel of campus, etc.
- Go on each individual medical school website to learn whether it is a “right fit” for you
- Purchase MSAR: Medical School Admissions Requirements
  - https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/requirements/msar/
- Attend “Choosing your Medical School” session at Junior Jumpstart on May 10th, 2018
Letters of Recommendations

- 3-5 recommended (4-6 if applying MD/PhD)
- At least 2 from science professors, with at least one professor from major suggested (check med-school websites)
- At least 1 from someone who can attest to your humanity, teamwork, and concern for others (volunteer coordinator, student club advisor, supervisor, etc.)
- Ask recommenders by spring break (March 9) at latest
- Letters uploaded on PIR System (see PIR directions)
- Deadline for LOR is **May 25th, 2018**
PIR (PreHealth Application Institutional Review)

- Go to [http://pir.wustl.edu/PIR/](http://pir.wustl.edu/PIR/) to register so you can create your PIR account
- Upload your **List of Activities**, **Resume**, and **Personal Statement** to your PIR account
- PIR account is a LOR repository
- PIR material must be completed/uploaded by April 1st, 2018 (except LORs)
- You have two options for your PIR Meeting
  - Appointment with Dean Laue
  - Mock Interview with Engineering Premedicine Committee
Option 1: PIR Appointment with Laue

- May 1-16; email Dean Laue directly to schedule
- All information must be submitted in PIR account prior to meeting
- PIR appointment is a “readiness” assessment; rehearse and refine your narrative
- Interview questions will be asked
- PIR will culminate in a Cover Letter sent to AMCAS along with your LORs
Option 2: Mock Interview with Engineering Premedicine Committee

- Two dates available: June 7th & 8th (based on availability)
- 30 minutes in length
  - 20 minute simulation of actual medical school interview
  - 10 minutes - feedback
- Helps you prepare for your interviews in the fall
- Assists in writing your Committee Letter
- Documents required by June 1 to participate in Engineering Premedicine Committee Mock Interview:
  - AMCAS Application – (in completed state, emailed to Laue on June 1)
  - All official transcripts (other than WashU) that include credit for college courses
AMCAS Submission
American Medical College Application Service

- Online
- Nine sections total (coursework, meaningful experiences, personal statement most time-consuming to enter)
- Select “Letter Packet” under Letters of Evaluation section
- Medical Schools receive a batch of applications on June 30th, than on a rolling basis thereafter, hence importance of submitting early

May 2 - AMCAS application opens
June 1 - AMCAS application submission begins
June 30 - Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
The goal is to submit to AMCAS within the first week of the application opening for submission.
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Any questions?

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