Completing the Applications: AMCAS and Others

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Agenda

• Review Important Components
• Resources Available
• Important Considerations
• Tips for Success
• Common Questions
• Your Questions
AMCAS Application Components

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

- Enter all schools where you have earned credits
- Selecting the advisor release button for Cornell will help us manage HCEC queue and provides useful data for advising purposes
Biographic Information

- Know your AMCAS ID#
Course Work

• Work from a copy of your transcript to enter grades
• Add spring grades when available
• Refer to AMCAS® guidelines to classify courses
  – Based on course content, not title
• Cumulative, BCMP, and AO
Work/Activities

• Maximum 15 entries
  – Will appear on application in order entered
  – Schools may sort in another way
  – Indicate total hours spent on activity; also if received credit

• Indicate 3 “most meaningful”
  – Choose carefully!
  – Transformative nature; impact of experience; personal growth

• Refer to BIF and 20Qs
Letters of Evaluation

• Each Letter Has Letter Type and ID#
• HCEC Letter = Committee Letter
  – Enter first name: HCEC
  – Enter last name: Chairperson
• Other Letters of Recommendation = Individual Letter
  – Have writers submit to Interfolio
  – Remind to use letterhead and to sign the letter
  – You direct from Interfolio to AMCAS®, matching up letter ID#s
Medical Schools
Essay(s)
Standardized Tests
Resources Available

- AMCAS® for Applicants Web Site
- 2015 AMCAS® Instruction Manual
- AMCAS® Application Grade Conversion Guide
- Health Careers Advisors
- Personal Essay Tutor (Barnes Hall)
- HCEC Online Checklist and Facebook Page
Important Considerations

• “During our peak season, AMCAS processing takes about six (6) weeks and does not begin until your application has been submitted and all required transcript(s) have been received.”
Tips for Success

• Pay attention to deadlines
• Early application is good; error-free is essential
• TMDAS deadlines are earlier
• Allow plenty of time: lots of concise writing is involved
• Personal essay limit is 5300 characters
Tips for Success

• Additional essays required for MD/PhD applicants
• Complete each section and review carefully
• Forward to HCEC your confirmation from AMCAS® of your submitted application
• Check your online checklist for letter release, and then submit letter from Interfolio to AMCAS®
• Work on secondaries promptly
Tips for Success

- Get familiar with “traffic rules” (important later in process)—new dates for 2015 admissions, but not yet published on the AMCAS® site
Common Questions

• What is the fee?
• What do I do about the question on institutional action?
• How do I enter the HCEC letter?
• How do I submit additional letters?
Your Questions?