

HCEC Deadlines

Many health career schools use a “rolling” admissions decision-making process. Candidates who complete applications early in the cycle may improve their probability of acceptance by these schools. Cornell’s large registrant pool of several hundred undergraduates and alumni rely on the HCEC to compose their letters of evaluation, prepare their HCEC Letter Packets, and release them to the health professions schools. In order to balance our registrants’ desires for early letter release and our own policies of fairness to all our registrants, we establish these intermediate deadlines to which our registrants and the HCEC must adhere.

In order to have your letter sent by August, 2009, you must adhere to the intermediate deadlines listed. We accept later registrations and work on them later.				
Registrant Categories	All registrant-prepared HCEC file contents & Non-Cornell official academic transcripts*:	Recommendation letters due by:	Interview held by:	Time frame for requesting release of the HCEC Letter Packet
First-time, new undergraduate & graduate students in residence on Ithaca campus in spring term	<i>See 2009 HCEC Registrant Guide, “Undergraduate Timeline” for these deadlines.</i>			As long as you are applying through AMCAS, AACOMAS or AADASAS, you will be able to designate your letter packet to be distributed once you have completed your application with these services. Look for instructions on how to do this in your email and in the HCEC Newsletters section online.
First-time, new undergraduate & graduate students who are not in residence on Ithaca campus in spring	<i>1st Monday in July</i>		<i>Last day of July**</i>	
First-time, new Alumni registrants	<i>2nd Monday in June</i>	<i>3rd Wednesday in June</i>	<i>Not applicable; no interview given</i>	
Repeat registrants who request updated packets, alumni & undergraduates	<i>Last Friday in July</i>			
Repeat registrants who request simple reactivation	<i>Register by 1st Friday in August. Registration form and fee are the only new file contents required.</i>			

*Registrants must accurately inform the HCEC of all non-Cornell post-secondary grades and credits received from undergraduate and graduate credit-bearing institutions. These official transcripts must be inclusive through the end of the fall semester of the academic year in which the student applies.

**If a registrant who studies away from campus in the spring semester cannot return to Ithaca for the interview by the last day of July, we can arrange an interview date in consultation with you or we may use internet videoconferencing, given sufficient notice in advance of the deadline. Please plan accordingly.