

Applicant Timetable and Checklist

Important Dates 2008

January 28 or 29 – HCEC Registration – Step 1
January 25 & 26, April 5, 18 & 19, May 10, 23, 27 & 31, June 13, August 5, 7, 15, 22 & 26,
September 3, 5, 6, 12 & 13 - MCAT Administrations
March 10 or 11 – HCEC Registration – Step II
March 26 – Deadline for HCEC letters of recommendation
April 9 – 11 – Students schedule their HCEC interview
April 14 – May 23 – HCEC interviews take place
June 1 – Usually earliest date to submit to American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) and the other applications: AACOMAS, AADSAS, AACPMAS

Spring:

- Go to HCEC registration – Step I.
 - Attend three briefings* on HCEC process: “HCEC Letters of Recommendation: Whom to Ask and How,” “Writing the Personal Statements and Themes for the HCEC and for Application,” and “Interviewing with the HCEC.”
 - Write HCEC personal statement.
 - Go to HCEC Registration – Step II.
 - Register for the MCAT if not already taken. Registration is online.
 - Check online to see that your three letters of recommendation have arrived at Barnes Hall.
 - Check an unofficial copy of your transcript(s) to ensure your grades are accurate.
 - Do a web search on yourself and review your websites to ensure only appropriate information appears.
 - Interview with the HCEC.
 - Make arrangements with Registrar(s) to send your transcript(s) to AMCAS, etc., and/or individual schools.
 - Draft AMCAS, etc., themes. Writing Workshop closes when finals begin. To use its services, get draft done by the end of April.
 - Attend briefings: “How to Choose Medical/Dental Schools...” and “How to Apply...AMCAS and others...”
 - Make a tentative list of schools for application. (Consult Cornell-specific data mainly available only in the Career Library, 103 Barnes Hall.)
 - Begin web-based AMCAS, AACOMAS, etc., applications in April or May.
 - Obtain non-application service applications online or by mail.
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Summer:

- Finish AMCAS, AACOMAS, AADSAS, etc., theme.
 - Complete and submit AMCAS etc., applications, in June or July even if you plan to take a later MCAT. (See page 9 for timing of MCAT.)
 - Receive e-mails from the HCEC with instructions for how and when to request that your HCEC letter of evaluation be sent to schools.
 - Complete supplementary applications.
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Fall:

- Attend briefings: “Interviewing at Medical/Dental School” and “Follow Up Action, Acceptance Protocol, and Finances.”
- Consult *Interview Report Forms Notebook* in the Career Library and turn in your own evaluations as you interview at medical/dental schools.
- Search for sources of financial aid. (See “Financial Planning for Medical School” in this *Guide*.)

If you have not interviewed/been accepted by early spring semester, read “Follow Up Actions” in this *Guide* and consult with the health careers advisor.

*All briefings are available on audio on the web and in the Career Library, 103 Barnes Hall, open Mon. – Fri., 8:00 to 4:30, including summer and most breaks.