

# Timeline for Applying to Medical and Dental School

## Fall Semester

- Begin compiling list of experiences; include details such as dates, hours, tasks and responsibilities
- Schedule Personal Statement brainstorm appointment with a Pre-HP Coach
- Begin drafting personal statement and optional essays
- Attend peer mentor panel discussions about application process
- Ask evaluators for letters of evaluation
- Set up an Interfolio account
- Medical applicants: Purchase Medical School Admissions Requirements guide online through [www.aamc.org/](http://www.aamc.org/) Click on “Publications”
- Dental applicants: Purchase ADEA Online Dental Explorer through [www.access.adea.org /](http://www.access.adea.org/) Click on “ADEA Store”
- Research schools to determine where to apply

## January

- For those that are ready, take MCAT or DAT; We highly recommend taking these exams in March or April, but absolutely NO later than May 31<sup>st</sup>

## February/March

- Watch our helpful Application Process and Personal Statement writing videos on our YouTube Channel
- Schedule a Personal Statement review appointment with the Undergraduate Writing Center
- Attend Health Professions Fair, usually held in February or March to visit with professional schools and have a professional headshot taken for your application
- Create TMDSAS ID

## April

- Send friendly reminder to recommenders at the end of the month if haven't already submitted letters of evaluation.
- Review final draft of Personal Statement
- Begin to write optional essays

## May

- 📌 **Applications open about May 1<sup>st</sup>**
- 📌 Obtain official transcripts from all institutions attended. Review for accuracy of information and use as reference for completing application
- Print and read application service instructions; Make a plan or “to do” checklist
- 📌 Be sure to read instructions about score reporting; these vary year-to-year and by schools
- 📌 Request transcripts from all institutions attended to be sent to application services IF applications are needed now
- 📌 Put finishing touches on all essays
- Submit when application is complete (this includes your Spring grades) and you are confident you've done your best! (**Earlier is better**)

## June/July

- Submit when application is complete (this includes Spring grades) and you're confident you've done your best! (**Earlier is better - ideally end of June**)
- Complete and submit secondary applications; applications are not complete until secondary applications are submitted

## August/September

- Schedule interview prep appointment with Health Professions Office
- Interviews begin in early August
- Watch our YouTube videos on how to prep for interviews

## October

- 📌 Interviewing continues until December, maybe January in some cases
- 📌 **Deadline to submit TMDSAS is October 1<sup>st</sup> (Earlier is better - we encourage submitting by end of June)**
- 📌 **Deadlines vary by schools for AMCAS, AADSAS and AACOMAS**