



Application Timeline & Checklist

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE YEARS

- Visit the Division of Career Pathways to explore health-related resources
- Complete your requirements in:
 - Chemistry
 - Biology
 - Physics
 - Organic Chemistry
- Join a health-related club on campus
- Begin volunteer work to gain experience
- Seek out professors to find research experience
- Get involved in community service
- Keep your career options open

FOR ALL FOUR YEARS

- Every spring quarter, attend DCP's **Health Professions Week** events (career.uci.edu/health-professions-week) including the **Health Professions and Graduate School Fair** (career.uci.edu/undergraduate/find-a-job/career-fairs)

JUNIOR YEAR

- Complete your health profession admission requirements by the end of spring quarter
- Attend a "Letter of Recommendation Workshop" through the School of Biological Sciences
- Prepare and take the health school admissions test (e.g. DAT, MCAT, OAT, PCAT, or GRE) that is required by the school you are applying to
- Contact professors to write individual letters of recommendation
- Begin your application and create a rough draft of your personal statement by May
- At the end of spring quarter, send your official transcript to the application service or schools (upon request)

SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR

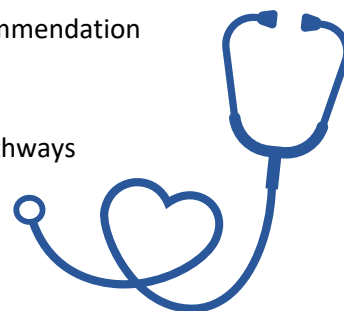
- Submit health school applications early – do not wait until the end of the summer
- Take the DAT / MCAT / OAT / PCAT / GRE if not already completed

SENIOR YEAR – FALL QUARTER

- Secondary packets are sent to potential candidates, with request for letters of recommendation
- Check and make sure applications are complete and letters have been received
- Invitations for interviews are offered (September – April)
 - Practice by participating in 1:1 practice interviews at the Division of Career Pathways
- Complete forms for financial aid
- Send updated transcripts if requested by schools

SENIOR YEAR – FALL QUARTER

- Finish all outstanding application requests by schools (interviews, financial aid, transcripts)
- Send thank you notes to evaluators and mentors
- If you have decided to wait another year to apply, consider enhancements to be a more competitive (raise your GPA, retake the MCAT, gain more experience, do more research, etc.)
- Consider alternative career options and learn the job search process (if not accepted)



Keep in mind, this is a suggested timeline – your individual deadlines may vary depending on the schools you apply to.