

# Time Line for Applying to Medical and Dental School

## Fall Semester

- Begin compiling list of experiences; include details such as dates, hours, tasks and responsibilities
- Attend personal statement workshop presented by Health Professions Career 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 Official Guide to Dental Schools or access it at the Career Design Center Library
- Research schools to determine where to apply

## January

- For those that are ready, take MCAT or DAT; We recommend taking these exams no later than May 31

## February/March

- Attend application and personal statement workshops presented by Health Professions Career Coach; several workshops offered throughout Spring semester
- 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 TMSAS ID

## April

- Send friendly reminder to recommenders at the end of the month if haven't already submitted letters of evaluation

## May

- **Applications open about May 1**
- 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
- Schedule a personal statement review once in final draft
- Finish personal statement and write optional 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 mock interview with Health Professions Office
- Interviews begin in early August
- Attend interview workshop presented by Health Professions Career Coach

## October

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