

VERY IMPORTANT: Starting Medical or other Health Professional School in Fall 2018?

You will apply in June of 2017 to start medical school or another health care graduate program in Fall of 2018. We want to help you apply successfully!

FIRST: Create your account in the PreHealth Letters system on the PIR site. <http://ur.wustl.edu/PIR/>

Top Ten tasks to accomplish in the year before you apply:

- 1.) **Make sure you have a prehealth advisor assigned.** Assignments have been made. If you don't have an advisor, email prehealth@wustl.edu, include your anticipated year of entry into health professional school as well as your wustl.edu email address.
- 2.) Download the [Prehealth application Institutional Review \(PIR\) questions](#), and answer them. These questions will help you as you assess your application with your advisor. They will appear later on secondary applications and interviews, so working on them now pays off later, too! **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND STARTING ON THESE QUESTIONS THIS SUMMER! If you need reasons why, please ask us!**
- 3.) Ask your Prehealth advisor questions. Your prehealth advisor wants to help you understand your application process. Your advisor's appointment schedule and walk-in hours can be found on the [PreHealth website](#).
- 4.) Schedule a formal PIR interview. Your prehealth advisor is happy to answer questions throughout the year. You also need a structured, formal assessment of your application. **TWO WEEKS** before your formal interview, you must submit four documents to the PIR system: the PIR question responses, a personal statement draft, activities section and a resume. If your application process requires a cover letter, you **MUST** complete a PIR in order for us to provide a cover letter. (Medical school application requires a cover letter.) **ALL PIR's MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE April 1st, 2017.**
- 5.) Take the MCAT or other exam (unless you're one of the few who have already done this).
- 6.) Attend the "Break Into Medical School" programming on the Tuesday of Fall break(October 18th), if you are applying to medical school. It will be full of programming that will help you submit your best possible application.
- 7.) Attend a [Personal Statement Writing Workshop](#). Learn what makes a great personal statement.
- 8.) Request faculty recommendations (two science, one nonscience, for medical school is standard but you need to check the schools you are applying to for specific requirements). Enter your recommenders' information on the PIR site. They will send letters to us. We will forward them to the programs you apply to.
- 9.) Attend Junior Jumpstart in May.
- 10.) Schedule a mock interview through the Career Center. If you are applying to medical school and are in STL the August after you apply, we encourage you to come to the interviewing portion of Career Camp, aimed specifically at preparing for medical school interviews.

If you have any questions or concerns contact prehealth@wustl.edu