



## Timetable for Pre-Medical Students

### Pre-Freshman Summer:

Begin or continue with health care experience. At beginning of fall semester, drop off your completed Supplemental Information form and photo if you have not already done so.

### Every Semester:

Leave local address and telephone number with office. Early each semester, schedule an appointment with your advisor for course selection and early registration for the following semester (you must maintain a 3.20 GPA to qualify for priority scheduling.) Concentrate on grades. Come to the Pre-Medical office immediately if you are having academic difficulties, do not wait! Regularly update your Extra Curricular Record form. At the end of each semester regularly solicit letters of evaluation from professors.

### Semesters 1 and 2:

Concentrate on grades. Come to the Pre-Medical office immediately if you are having academic difficulties, do not wait!

### Every summer:

Health-care experience. Read literature, philosophy, issues in medicine, etc.

### Summer after first year:

Review biology subject matter (Biological Problem Solver) and “Biology” sections of MCAT practice exams. Or accelerate academically by enrolling in an Organic Chemistry course. Work on “Reading Comprehension” and “Quantitative” sections of MCAT, MCAT Essay Topics, and math preparation (book and /or handouts available in the Pre-Medical office).

### Every semester beginning with semester 3:

Participate in extra-curricular activities (make sure they are substantive and not superficial.)

### Summer after second year:

Review all science subject matter for MCAT (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and practice questions from science sections of MCAT.

### Semester 5:

Meet regularly with your assigned advisor from the Pre-Medical Committee. Update your autobiography. Work with advisor on MCAT essays.

### Semester 6:

Optional research internship placement for qualified science majors. More than 60% of entering medical students have research experience. Intensively review all parts of MCAT.

February semester 6:

Consult with Pre-Med office in taking MCAT. (See policy on Recommendations.) Do not take the MCAT unless you are well prepared! Register for the MCAT at [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org) (follow the links to the MCAT registration page). Request that MCAT scores are sent to West Chester. Scores will be automatically sent to schools which you apply to on AMCAS.

April semester 6:

Take MCAT.

May semester 6:

Complete the AMCAS (allopathic) or AACOMAS (osteopathic) application (available as a link off [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org) site) before beginning your senior year. Call or write away for, and complete, any applications of non-AMCAS schools you are interested in. If possible, include spring semester grades. Review your applications with your advisor.

Interview with Pre-Medical Committee in spring or summer after taking MCAT.

Await the decision of the Pre-Medical Committee (see Policy on Recommendations) before you send off any medical school applications. Make certain that the office is given a copy of your applications.

Submit an AMCAS Transcript Matching Card (in AMCAS application) to the registrar of every college you have attended, and request that they send out your official transcript to AMCAS. Make sure there are no holds on your school accounts that would prevent them from releasing your transcripts. Check to see that this is done!

Return all borrowed study materials to the Pre-Medical office if your MCAT scores are satisfactory.

June: Send off medical school applications to arrive as early as possible after, but not before, the specified earliest date (for the AMCAS or AACOMAS application this date is June 15<sup>th</sup>.)

Request the WCU Registrar to send an updated copy (including spring grades) to each medical school to which you have applied.

If MCAT was not taken in semester 6, or if MCAT scores were unsatisfactory, register for fall MCAT (to be taken in August.) If taking August MCAT, it is still possible to send the AMCAS application in and to have schools begin reviewing it before your scores are available.

Leave summer address and telephone number in the office.

Semester 7:

For each of your medical school interviews, complete, and return to the office, an interview form.

Semester 8:

If MCAT was not taken in junior year, register in February for April MCAT. In such cases, you must make plans for the period of time between spring graduation and possible medical school admission in the fall of the following year.