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Guidelines for Pre-Health Committee Interview Petition

Committee Interview and Letters are granted to those Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental students who meet the following requirements for science grades and admission scores.

Medicine: **506 MCAT score** with no score lower than 123

3.5 Overall and BCPM GPA *(Calculated as defined by AMCAS)*

Dentistry: **19/410** Total Science **and 19/410** Academic Average DAT score **3.3 Overall and BCPM GPA** *(Calculated as defined by ADEA)*

Our committee understands that the totality of an applicant is not determined by these metrics alone and for that reason the Committee will make exceptions in certain circumstances. An individual who falls short of these requirements for a Committee Interview and Letter but has an application that is otherwise compelling may petition for an exception.

Students are required to, at minimum, **meet the requirements for an Advisor Interview** and Letter to **submit this petition**.

Medicine: **502 MCAT score** with no score lower than 123.

3.3 Overall and BCPM GPA *(Calculated as defined by AMCAS)*

Dentistry: **18/390** Total Science **and 18/390** Academic Average DAT

3.0 Overall and BCPM GPA *(Calculated as defined by ADEA)*

A petition will be reviewed by the Petition Committee and should follow these guidelines:

- Address which requirement(s) you do not meet and why you believe, despite this, you still possess a competitive application.
- Highlight specific activities and/or experiences that have prepared you for a career in your field of choice.
- Minimum of one page but should not exceed two pages.
- Do not repeat your personal statement as the committee will have access to that document as well.

Petitions must be written by the applicant and must objectively demonstrate that the applicant's inability to meet the Committee requirements is overbalanced by the strength of the totality of the applicant's application and circumstances.

Typically, the Petition Committee will be looking to see that the application is compelling in *ALL* aspects with the sole exception of the requirement in question (i.e. score or grade point average).