

**If you are intending to enter medical school...**

## **More Than One Year After Graduating**

**...from Colorado College**

### **After Graduation:**

- Start looking into possible medical schools and their requirements
- Take any prerequisite courses not completed during your undergraduate years
- Reconnect with faculty and administrators
- Start looking into possible medical schools
- Learn about the medical practice and gain clinical experience through volunteer and shadowing opportunities
- Participate in research fellowships, internships, or work in a research lab in order to make you a stronger applicant

### **Eighteen months before anticipated entrance to medical school:**

- Complete all basic pre-requisite courses before taking the MCAT, DAT, OAT, GRE or other required entrance test
- Begin writing personal statement and resume. Your personal statement is the most important portion of the application (aside from your GPA and entrance test scores). Be sure to put in the time it requires to create several drafts and have them edited by knowledgeable individuals
- Contact the Health Professions Advisor to schedule an informational meeting
- Research possible medical schools, start list of schools
- Distribute letter of evaluation waiver request forms to prospective referees. Reacquaint yourself and tell them about your plans to assist them in writing a good letter.
- Begin review for required entrance test (on your own or through a professional company) Check out test registration information – read and print out all important pages at:
  - Dental Admission Test: [www.ada.org/dat.aspx](http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx)  
DAT Registration 90 days prior to desired test date  
Hardcopy of registration information at Health Professions Advising Office  
**Release scores to HPA Office so we are able to serve you better**
  - Medical College Admission Test: [www.aamc.org/mcat](http://www.aamc.org/mcat)  
MCAT Registration 4-5 months prior to desired test date  
(20+ test administrations [January – September])  
Hardcopy of registration information at Health Professions Advising Office  
**Release scores to HPA Office so we are able to serve you better**  
Scores released one month after taking MCAT

### **May (15 months before beginning medical school):**

- Return HPA personal information packet to Health Professions Advising Office (before applying)
- American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application available to view. Instructions & manuals to print out: [www.aamc.org/students/amcas/start.htm](http://www.aamc.org/students/amcas/start.htm)  
Hardcopy of AMCAS, AADSAS and VMCAS information at Health Professions Advising Office
- Confirm distribution of letter of evaluation waiver request forms to prospective referees

**June (14 months before beginning medical school):**

- Earliest submission date for AMCAS, AACOMAS, AADSAS, TMDSAS & VMCAS applications - be mindful of final submission deadlines. Application verification may take 4-8 weeks to process. It is highly recommended that you submit your application as early as possible.
- Authorize HPA Office to view application.** Authorizing HPA Office to view test scores & application expedites submission of your letters of evaluation, assists in record keeping (in this way the HPA Office has a heads up and knows you are applying) and reporting to CC administration
- Confirm HPA Office has personal information packet, test scores, letters of evaluation and authorization to view application data

**July (13 months before beginning medical school):**

- HPA committee begins writing committee letters - written & sent to medical schools after application verification, in order of file completion

**August (12 months before beginning medical school):**

- Early Decision Program interviews begin

**October (10 months before beginning medical school):**

- Participate in mock interviews
- Early Decision Program notification of acceptance
- VMCAS and TMDSAS application deadline

**October – March:**

- School entrance application deadline\*. The HPA office does not recommend you wait until the application deadline to submit your application.
- School interviews\*\*

January:

- Begin making follow-up calls to schools from which you have not received word. If your medical school file is incomplete, we have no way of knowing unless you check the status of it and inform us duplicates are required. Often students are invited to interview after January, so don't panic. Notification of acceptance can be as early as November or as late as the week before matriculation.

\* These dates vary according to individual schools