

If you are intending to enter medical school...

One Year After Graduating

...from Colorado College

Then you are submitting your application just after graduation.

First Year & Sophomore Years:

- Attend orientation meeting at the beginning of the year
- Attend Health Professions Club meetings
- Get on the Health Professions Advising e-mail distribution list for notices of events
- Take required courses for medical school
- Take courses in the humanities and social sciences to fulfill CC graduation requirements
- Get to know faculty and administrators
- Start looking into possible medical schools
- Learn about the medical practice (volunteer, shadow)

During ALL summers:

- Volunteer – clinical experience
- Shadow
- Participate in research fellowships, internships, or work in a research lab

Junior Year:

- Complete all pre-requisite courses before taking the MCAT, DAT, GRE or other required entrance test
- Attend Health Professions Club meetings especially those pertaining to mock interviews, personal statement, tests & applications
- Start looking into possible medical schools and their requirements

Senior Year:

- Complete all basic pre-requisite courses before taking the MCAT, DAT, OAT, GRE or other required entrance test
- Attend Health Professions Club meetings especially those pertaining to mock interviews, personal statement, tests & applications
- 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
- Schedule informational meeting with the Health Professions Advisor before the end of the academic year
- Participate in mock interview (October)

December:

- 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
DAT Registration 90 days prior to desired test date
Release scores to HPA Office so we are able to serve you better.
- Medical College Admission Test: www.aamc.org/mcat
MCAT Registration 4-5 months prior to desired test date, (20+ test administrations [Jan.–Sept.])
Release scores to HPA Office so we are able to serve you better.
Scores released one month after taking MCAT

May:

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

After Graduation:

- Participate in research fellowships, internships, or work in a research lab to make yourself a stronger applicant
- Continue to volunteer in a clinical setting and shadow professionals

June:

- 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 complete personal information packet, test scores, letters of evaluation and authorization to view application data

July:

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

August:

- Early Decision Program interviews begin

October:

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

October – March:

- School entrance application deadline. School interviews begin. (These dates vary according to individual schools.) The HPA office does not recommend you wait until the application deadline to submit your application.

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.