

APPLICATION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS EVALUATION And COMMITTEE LETTER

Medical and dental schools request a letter from the students' undergraduate institution(s) which expresses the degree of support that the institution has for the student's application, and an explanation of that support. This is called the Health Professions Committee (HPC) letter. The letters of recommendation you have requested will be attached to the HPC letter and forwarded to the appropriate medical or dental school application service(s).

You do not have to have a HPC letter to apply to medical or dental school. But generally, the lack of a committee letter indicates that your undergraduate institution could not strongly support your application.

At the same time, the Health Professions Committee does not want to write a letter indicating a lack of support for your application. Except in exceptional circumstances, the Health Professions Committee cannot write a strong letter for a third year student with an overall or science GPA below is 3.4, or for a fourth year student whose overall or science GPA falls below 3.3. The Committee puts no restrictions on letters for alumni.

In order to write a strong letter of support, the Committee needs to know you. Therefore **it is important that you have an interview with the Director of Health Professions preceding your application to medical or dental school. You must also submit the Health Professions Committee (HPC) application**, which can be found on the Health Professions web site. If you plan to apply within one year or more after graduation, it is a good idea to go through the process now. Your application and letters can be updated at a later date if you wish.

The HPC application form can be found online on the Health Professions web site <http://college.wfu.edu/prehealth/>.

By February 15th you must complete the following parts of the HPC application:

1. FERPA waiver
2. Names and e-mail address of those from whom you have requested a letter. They will receive an e-mail giving them instructions for writing and submitting their letter of recommendation to the Committee and information on whether you have or have not waived your right of access to the individual and committee letters.

By April 30 you must complete the Health Professions Committee application.

It is essential that you meet these deadlines in order to guarantee that your Committee letter reach the medical schools in a timely fashion. Medical Schools have a rolling admissions policy, so it is important that you take these deadlines seriously!