Checklist for Students Applying to Medical School in Spring 2019

______ Fall 2019 Advising appointment with Dr. Gibson (required before HPC committee letter interview)

______ February 15 Fill out FERPA waiver on AdviseStream

______ February 15 Enter the names and contact information of three (only three) people who will be writing your letters of evaluation on Advise Stream. One must be a science professor, one a non-science professor. The third person can be someone who has supervised you in a clinical or research capacity, or another faculty member

______ Spring 2019 Committee letter interview. Sign up on AdviseStream.

______ Spring 2019 Begin to investigate medical schools. Select schools to which you plan to apply

Review AMCAS, TMDSAS and ACOMAS application processes

______ April 15 Check to make sure that your letters of recommendation have been uploaded to AdviseStream. If not, send a reminder e-mail through AdviseStream by clicking the reminder button.

______ April 30 Complete Academics and Engagement calendar on AdviseStream. The total number of hours engaged in each activity MUST be listed.

Complete essays on AdviseStream

Attach personal statement and transcripts to AdviseStream

Record MCAT score, if available, on AdviseStream

______ May 1 AMCAS application becomes available (approximate date) to fill out but not submit.

The letters of recommendation are due to the committee by this date

______ April – May Take MCAT exam if you have not already done so.

______ May 15 Graduating seniors send new e-mail address to prehealth@wfu.edu

______ May 15 Submit AMCAS letter ID pdf to prehealth@wfu.edu. Failure to submit AMCAS letter ID information by June 1 may result in a delay in the HPC committee letter.

Enter AMCAS letter ID number on AdviseStream. If you are applying TMDSAS, ACOMAS, AADSAS, please also list these ID numbers in AdviseStream as well.
AMCAS applications may be submitted. The earlier you submit your application, the better your prospects for admission because medical schools use a rolling admission process.

Retake MCAT if necessary

Complete secondary applications as soon as possible after receiving them.

Interview invitations begin to be extended after Labor Day and continue through March

FERPA WAIVER:
The Family Education and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides individuals access to their educational records. Applicants must indicate whether or not they waive their FERPA rights. Waving your FERPA rights means that your letters of recommendation and committee letter will be confidential. Evaluators will be more likely to write a letter if it is confidential. The evaluators will be notified as to whether or not you have waived your FERPA rights.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:
The personal statement will be a part of your medical or dental school application. The statement is a 5,300 character (including spaces) essay. It is not a summary of the activities that will be detailed in your application. Instead it is an opportunity to let admissions committees know who you are and why you are ideally suited for a career in medicine or dentistry.

COMMITTEE LETTER INTERVIEW:
The interview gives you the opportunity to discuss your accomplishments with the Director of Health Professions Advising. You will be asked to reflect on your relevant experiences, explain your motivation for a health professions career, and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of your inter- and intra-personal skills. Information from the interview will be used in preparing your HPC letter to the medical or dental schools. This is also a time when your questions about the application process to medical school can be addressed.