HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR INTERVIEW WITH THE
HEALTH PREPROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

1. Typically, premedical, pre-dental, and pre-optometry students interview with the Health Pre Professional Committee. (Physician Assistant programs, pharmacy schools, and veterinary schools, etc. do not prefer Committee letters.) Ideally, meet with your Health Professions Advisor regularly for at least one year before your interview.

2. Keep a complete record/spreadsheet of your activities and volunteer work, including timeframe and number of hours per week of involvement.

3. Distribute your Request for Evaluation forms, (which includes a rank in class, checklist, and separate letter) which are on the respective online health professions pages (premed, etc.) found here: http://science.siu.edu/advisement/health_advisement/ The committee requires at least three evaluations: two must be from professors at SIUC, and at least one from a physical science and one from a biological science professor. Five or six evaluations are recommended. Other examples of sources may include an employer, volunteer coordinator, or a health professional you have observed.

4. Complete your autobiographical information outline (including personal statement essay) and your list of required courses (found here http://science.siu.edu/_common/pdfs/bio_info.pdf)

5. Review current issues relevant to your chosen profession and your personal career choice philosophy. Select and research information about those professional schools to which you plan to apply.

6. Your overall GPA must be approximately 3.00 or above to be interviewed by the Committee. Consult with your Health Professions Advisor about when you should interview—which is typically the spring your admission test is to be taken.

7. For Spring Semester 2018, evaluations should be received no later than February 2, 2018. Preprofessional interviews are Spring Semester only, February through April. Please plan for this, as evaluations typically take time for professors and other evaluators to prepare. Distribute your evaluation forms to your evaluators by the end of fall semester before the (spring) semester you plan to interview. (Evaluations can be added after your interview as well.)

8. Your autobiographical information, list of courses, and picture are required to be turned in two weeks before your interview.

9. Three or four members of the Health Preprofessional Committee will interview you for 30 minutes. Soon thereafter, the Committee will all meet together and evaluate you in three areas:

   1. Academic record 2. Personal attributes 3. Time management and organization

The Health Preprofessional Committee Letter is written by the Health Preprofessional Advisor and reviewed by the Committee Co-Chair upon your request, i.e., AMCAS Letter Request form and AADSAS electronic request, etc. The Committee Letter includes a summary of all the above areas, and your separate letters are appended to it.

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