

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR INTERVIEW WITH THE HEALTH PREPROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

1. Typically, **premedical, pre-dental, and pre-optometry** students interview with the Health Preprofessional 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) Those requests are **on the respective online health professions pages** (premedical, etc. here: <http://science.siu.edu/academics/prehealth.html>). The Committee requires at least three evaluations: **two** must be from professors at SIUC, **one** from a physical science and **one** from a biological science professor. Three to six evaluations are recommended, with six being the maximum. Other examples of sources may include a non-science professor, an employer, a 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 (handouts online: http://science.siu.edu/advisement/health_advisement/index.html).
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 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 taken.
7. For Spring Semester 2018, evaluations should be received no later than **February 14th, 2018**. Preprofessional interviews are **Spring Semester only**, February through April. **PLAN for this**, as evaluations typically take time for professors and other evaluators to prepare. Distribute your evaluation forms to professors by the end of the fall semester before you plan to interview. (December 22, 2017). Evaluations added after your committee interview will not be incorporated into your committee packet and will be uploaded separately after your interview as well for your application.)
8. **Your personal statement, biographical information, core pre professional list, official transcripts, and photo must be turned in to the Health Professions Office no later than February 14, 2018. We strongly encourage those who write your letters and evaluation forms to send that information by February 14, 2018 as well.**
9. **Process:** Members of the Health Preprofessional Committee will interview you for 30 minutes. Soon thereafter, the Committee will meet and evaluate you in three areas:
1) Academic record 2) Personal attributes 3) Time management and organization
After your interview, make an appointment with your Health Professions Advisor about obtaining valuable Committee feedback.

The Health Preprofessional Committee Letter is written by the Health Preprofessional Advisor and will be reviewed and signed by the Committee Co-Chair. Once we receive your AMCAS Letter Request form or AADSAS letter request form, we will upload your information to the website.

HEALTH PREPROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE **TBD for 2018**

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