

Centenary College

Premedical/Predental/Preveterinary Committee

Procedures for Evaluation of Applicants

1. **Applicant files.** These are due in the Office of the Premedical Adviser (Mickle 208) by 5:00 pm, August 1. If you are early decision candidate, then they need to be by May 1st. Files are reviewed on a first completed basis. A completed application file consists of 1) Student Waiver Form 2) Personal Information Form (PIF), 3) 1-2 page Resume, 4) MCAT/DAT scores, 5) Faculty Evaluation Forms, 6) a copy of your AMCAS or Dental application.

If you are a traditional student who has earned most of your credit at Centenary, it would be to your advantage to utilize the Premedical Committee. **Please note: applicants may apply to medical/dental schools on their own, but it is not recommended.** In those cases, you are to request that your letters of evaluation be sent directly to the schools that you are applying. All applicants should submit their AMCAS/Dental school applications as soon as possible.

Committee Checklist

- _____ 1. **Student Waiver Form.** Students must sign the student waiver form concerning access to evaluator's letters if you are planning on using the premedical committee for application to premedical/predental school
- _____ 2. **MCAT/DAT Exam.** Students are very strongly urged to take the MCAT no later than the summer before their senior year in order to make best use of the committee.
- _____ 3. **Personal Information Form (PIF).** Deadline is May 15 for Early Decision Program (EDP) applicants and June 15 for all others.
- _____ 4. **One-two Page Typed Resume.** Your Resume should be clear and concise. Include areas such as awards, scholarships, organizations, work experience, volunteer experience, community service, research, etc. You must include hours volunteered/worked per week and length of time (mo/yr to mo/yr).
- _____ 5. **Letters of Evaluation.** Applicants are advised to request evaluations from three science faculty members. You may request other non-faculty evaluations. These should be on the evaluator's letterhead. Completed evaluation forms must be submitted directly to this office by your evaluators. Students are never to turn in completed letters of evaluation on their own. The address is: Scott Chirhart, Premedical Adviser, Department of Biology, Mickle 208, Centenary College, P.O. Box 135, Shreveport, LA 71134-1188. email: schirhar@centenary.edu.
- _____ 6. **AMCAS/Dental Application Copy.** It is strongly recommended that you complete the AMCAS application as soon as possible in the summer. The personal comments in your AMCAS/Dental Essay should include personal insights regarding your desire to attend dental or medical school. Avoid, if possible, repeating information found elsewhere in your application. Because many admissions committees place significant weight to this section, consider and construct your remarks carefully.
- _____ 7. **Interview.** Applicants are required to interview with the Premedical Committee during October. This 20-minute interview will be useful to the Committee and you in a constructive manner. An analysis of your interview can be obtained from the Premedical Adviser.

2. **Out-of-State Residents.** If you are a resident of another state, you should consult the residency requirements in the *Medical School Admission Requirements* book (MSAR) when selecting potential schools. Consult with the Premedical/Predental Adviser. If you are not a U.S. resident, it can be extremely difficult to be admitted to a U.S. Medical School.