How to become a part of the Pre-Health Professions Office at Hunter College

When the semester starts:

Step 1: Open a Pre-Health file

- 1. Go to: www.hunter.cuny.edu/prehealth
- 2. Click on **Links and Resources** on the left
- 3. Under Electronic Forms click on Office Registration
- 4. This Form is submitted and filed electronically in the Pre-Health Professions Office
- 5. For more information about what a Pre-Health File is please read the information located at http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/prehealth/pre-health-file

Step 2: Join the Pre-Health Listserv

- 1. Go to: www.hunter.cuny.edu/prehealth
- 2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page
- 3. Click on the link inside the **pre-med listserv** box
- 4. Click on: To register or change your LISTSERV password, click here.
- 5. Fill in your information

Step 3: Read through the Guide to Doctoral Level Health Professions for Undergraduate Students (PDF)

- 1. Go to: www.hunter.cuny.edu/prehealth
- 2. Click on <u>Guide to Doctoral Level Health Professions for Undergraduate Students</u> (PDF) inside the **guides** box on the left
 - Currently, the guides are being updated and are not available.

Step 4: Come meet with your Pre-Health Advisors, Kelly Gentry, Taryn Weinstein or Dr. Phillips!

- 1. Go to: www.hunter.cuny.edu/prehealth
- 2. Click on Advisement
- 3. See when we are available, **make an appointment** and come for advising!

The Pre-Health Timeline

Freshman and Sophomore Year

- 1. Open a file with the Office of Pre Health Professions Advising (Do this by going to our website)
- 2. Start taking your pre-health coursework
- 3. Build your pre health resume
 - *The best way to be proactive about gaining research and volunteer experience is to go to Hunter College Career Development Services. Also, check the Pre-Health website for opportunities.
- 4. Collect recommendation letters and evaluations from faculty (specifically science and math faculty), research/volunteer supervisors, managers, etc.
 - Review for the MCAT (DAT/PCATS...)

Junior Year FALL

- 1. Begin research- If it is something you are interested in pursuing.
- 2. Continue test preparation
- 3. Check transcripts for mistakes
- 4. Start a rough draft of your personal statement
- 5. Keep up to date with the recommendations and evaluations in your file
 - This is crucial...so say Thank You to those who have submitted letters!

Junior Year SPRING/SUMMER

- 1. Take the MCAT (or other health professions exam)- *ONLY DO THIS IF YOU FEEL PREPARED AND IF IT WON'T INTERFERE SIGNIFICANTLY WITH YOUR COURSEWORK.*
- 2. Begin application process
- 3. Compile a list all of the schools (and possibly special programs) you want to apply to. Note their primary application and secondary application deadlines

Senior Year FALL

- 1. Complete research projects, degree requirements & secondary applications
- 2. Go on scheduled school interviews
- 3. Send updated transcripts to medical schools
- 4. Have parents file taxes early for financial aid

Senior Year SPRING

- 1. File financial aid forms for school of choice
- 2. Start looking at financial aid awards & loan deferments
- 3. Ask about pre-matriculation programs
- 4. Start planning your relocation