

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR INTERVIEW WITH THE HEALTH PREPROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

1. Ideally, meet with your Health Professions Advisor (Gail Robinson, College of Science Advisement, Neckers A-185) regularly for at least one year before your interview.
2. Keep a complete record of your activities and volunteer work, including timeframe and number of hours per week of involvement.
3. Distribute your Request for Evaluation forms. See "Guidelines for Collecting Evaluations." 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 6 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 (handouts).
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.
7. For Spring Semester 2008, there will be a **February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline** for evaluations to be able to interview that semester. Preprofessional interviews are Spring Semester only, February through April.
8. Your **autobiographical information, list of courses, and picture need to be turned in 1-2 weeks before your interview.**

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 organization and management
8. The Health Preprofessional Committee Letter is written by the Health Preprofessional Advisor and reviewed by the Committee chair. It is a composite letter of recommendation, which includes quotes from your evaluators. This letter is a more thorough and comprehensive than one generated from separate authors.
9. For schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, and optometry, Virtual Evals, an online service, is used for distributing letters of evaluation.

### HEALTH PREPROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE 2007-2008

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