

## Applicant Timetable and Checklist

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### Important Dates 2011

February 1 or 2 – HCEC Registration – Step 1

MCAT Administrations - January 28, 29, March 26, April 9, 16, 29, May 7, 20, 21, 26, June 16, July 6, 16, 28, 29, August 5, 6, 12, 18, 19, 23, and September 1, 2, 8, 10

March 15 or 16 – HCEC Registration – Step II

March 23 – Deadline for HCEC letters of recommendation

June 1 – Usually earliest date to submit to American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). See web for other applications: AACOMAS, AADSAS, AACPMAS.

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### Spring:

- Do HCEC Registration – Step I and adhere to all HCEC deadlines.
  - Attend briefings\* on HCEC process such as: “HCEC Letters of Recommendation: Whom to Ask and How,” “Writing the Personal Statements and Themes for the HCEC and for Application,” and “Interviewing with the HCEC.”
  - Write HCEC personal statement.
  - Do HCEC Registration – Step II.
  - Register for the MCAT if not already taken. Registration is online.
  - Check HCEC website online to see that your three letters of recommendation have arrived at Barnes Hall.
  - Check an unofficial copy of your transcript(s) to ensure your grades are accurate.
  - Do a web search on yourself and review your websites to ensure only appropriate information appears.
  - Interview with the HCEC.
  - Make arrangements with Registrar(s) to send your transcript(s) to AMCAS, etc., and/or individual schools.
  - Draft AMCAS, etc., themes. The Writing Workshop closes when finals begin. To use its services, get draft done by the end of April.
  - Attend briefings: “How to Choose Medical/Dental Schools...” and “Completing the Application: AMCAS and others...”
  - Make a tentative list of schools for application. (Consult Cornell-specific data mainly available only in the Career Library, 103 Barnes Hall.)
  - Begin web-based AMCAS, AADSAS, AACOMAS, etc., applications in April or May.
  - Obtain non-application service applications online.
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### Summer:

- Finish AMCAS, AACOMAS, AADSAS, etc., theme.
  - Complete and submit AMCAS etc., applications, in June or July. Generally you do this even if you plan to take a later MCAT. See page 9 for timing of MCAT.
  - Follow HCEC instructions for how and when to request that your HCEC letter of evaluation be distributed.
  - Finish supplementary applications.
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### Fall:

- Attend briefings: “Interviewing at Medical/Dental School” and “Enhancing Your Chances: Follow-Up Actions.”
- Consult *Interview Report Forms Notebook* in the Career Library and turn in your own evaluations as you interview at medical/dental schools.
- Search for sources of financial aid. (See “Financial Planning for Medical School” in this *Guide*.)

If you have not interviewed or been accepted by late fall semester, read “Follow Up Actions” in this *Guide* and consult with a health careers advisor.

\*All briefings are available in audio files on the web in the Media Programs sidebar link at [www.career.cornell.edu/HealthCareers/default.html](http://www.career.cornell.edu/HealthCareers/default.html). See “Prepare for Further Education” section within Media Programs.