



Pre-Health Committee Letter Eligibility

Loyola's Pre-Health Professions Committee offers medical and dental school applicants the opportunity to receive a committee letter to include in their application. The committee is made up of Loyola faculty members, and the committee letter is authored by one of the committee members following a one-on-one interview with the applicant. Some health professions schools require or recommend a committee letter if it's offered by the applicant's undergraduate institution, while others have no preference. As with all aspects of the application process, it is the applicant's responsibility to familiarize themselves with the requirements and recommendations of the programs to which they're applying.

To be eligible for a committee letter, students must:

- Complete the "Intent to Apply" form by the December deadline the year before planning to apply. The form will be available and the deadline will be announced by the midpoint of the fall semester.
- Be a current Loyola undergraduate student or recent graduate (not more than two years prior to the application semester).
- Have minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 at the time of application
- Complete the following courses with a grade of C or better by summer of the application year:
 - Cells and Heredity + lab
 - Biology of Organisms + lab
 - Physics for Life Science I & II + labs
 - General Chemistry I & II + labs
 - Organic Chemistry I & II + labs

(Note: it is the student's responsibility to choose courses, in consultation with their advisors, that will meet degree requirements, meet admissions requirements for health professions schools, and strengthen the knowledge required for entrance exams such as the MCAT and the DAT.)

- Be in good academic standing with no Code of Conduct or Academic Honor Code violations.

Please note these criteria DO NOT guarantee an applicant will receive a letter from the committee, only that applicants are eligible to request a letter.

Students who don't meet the above eligibility requirements can submit an appeal. Appeals should be made in writing using the appropriate form and submitted to Pre-Health Advising office to be brought to the Pre-Health Professions Committee. Appeals should highlight any extenuating circumstances that would merit a modification of eligibility.