What happens after you submit common application

Waiting for Yes!
Session Goals

- Secondaries
- Academic Updates
- Interviews
- Traffic Rules
- Professionalism
- Reapplying
Throughout the Process

• Continue your preparation
  • Finish Pre-reqs or additional coursework
  • Experiences (volunteering, healthcare exposure, research, etc.)

• Demonstrate professionalism at ALL times

• Learn about financing your education
After Submission

Check the system regularly to:
- See that your transcripts have arrived
- See that letters of recommendation have arrived
- See that you have a verified application

School/Program specific tasks
- Additional tests
- Essays
- Applications for curricular programs
Secondary/Supplemental Materials

• School sends you supplemental materials directly
  • Automatically
  • Screened (looking for specific GPAs and test scores)

• Materials available on individual schools’ websites for you to submit after completing the primary application

• Supplemental materials for individual schools may be part of the centralized application service
  • Recommendation: Start the verification by submitting the application with one school complete. You can go back into the system to add additional programs without delaying the verification process.
Secondaries...

Tips:

• Research individual programs before writing your essays
• Write unique essays for each individual program (Do not copy and paste)
• Make sure that you answer the question prompt
• Have essays reviewed by a peer, family member, mentor, faculty member, etc.
Complete secondaries/supplemental materials thoroughly and quickly!!
Academic Updates

• Typically held between *mid November–February*

• Applicants *can and should*:
  • Submit updated OFFICIAL transcripts
  • Edit new, in-progress, or planned courses

• Typically applicants can only update ONCE

• GPA may be recalculated depending upon the application system
Academic Updates

- These professions include an academic update:
  - Dentistry: AADSAS
  - Occupational Therapy: OTCAS
  - Optometry: OptomCAS
  - Osteopathic Medicine: AACOMAS
  - Pharmacy: PharmCAS
  - Physical Therapy: PTCAS
  - Physician Assistant: CASPA
  - Podiatry: AACPMAS
  - Speech Pathology/Audiology: CSDCAS
Please read the instructions and FAQs for more detailed information if your profession includes an academic update.
Interviews

• **Not** an automatic part of the admissions process

• Each school will have a different interview process

• There are several types of interviews
  • Individual
  • Group
  • MMI
  • Open or Closed File
Preparation

• Understand the purpose of interviews for admissions

• Prepare for the interview:
  • Find out what to expect about your interview day
  • Research the institution
  • Prepare answers to common interview questions
  • Prepare questions to ask faculty, students, staff
  • Schedule a mock interview at The Career Center
Be Professional

• Respond quickly, politely to interview offers
• Cancel in advance
• No shows = unacceptable
• Background Checks
• Rescinded offers
Outcomes

- 3 Possible Options
  - Acceptance
  - Denial
  - Wait List/ On Hold

The first two are obvious, but the third is probably the most frustrating. When you are on a school's waitlist it means that you have met their qualifications for acceptance. They just do not have a space for you at the moment. Keep in mind that a space might open for you in March, June, or even August.
Outcomes

• If you are waitlisted or receive no interviews:
  • Give yourself some time to process, and then make an appointment with a Health Professions Advisor for support.

• A Health Professions Advisor can work with you to either:
  • Improve your application to reapply the following cycle
  • Create an action plan to build up your competitiveness and reapply in 1–3 years
  • Brainstorm alternative career paths
“Traffic Rules”

• Responding to Offers
  • Accept, Reject, Extension
  • Deposit

• Holding Offers

• Varies by health profession!
Reapplying

• What was lacking?
• How have you addressed it?
• Be realistic
• Take your time and improve
Questions?