

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?