

YOUR PRE-HEALTH COMMITTEE LETTER

WHAT IS A PRE-HEALTH COMMITTEE LETTER?

A Committee Letter is a very personalized, specific letter written by the Pre-Health Advisor on behalf of the university. This letter, along with the required recommendation letters, comprise the packet which the Pre-Health Office transmits to the health professional schools you've listed on your application.

Professional schools expect Yeshiva College applicants to submit a Committee Letter as part of their dossier. This Pre-health Committee recommendation is based on information you submit, including—

- ✓ your Pre-Health Application,
- ✓ the outcome of the Pre-health interview,
- ✓ the AMCAS/AADSAS application,
- ✓ your transcript as of June 2013,
- ✓ a close reading of the letters of recommendation submitted in support of your application.

Failure to meet deadlines listed on the Committee Letter Registration Form can indicate a lack of commitment on your part to joining the profession and can give the Pre-health Committee reason to question your readiness to take on serious professional responsibilities. It is likely the Pre-health Committee will be unable to produce a Committee letter for you if you fail to meet our deadlines. We would be able to send out whatever supporting documents accumulated in your dossier and draft a brief cover note, indicating that we are enclosing them. As explained below, this would cause a “red flag” with most Admissions Committees and would not be viewed in a positive light.

If you miss deadlines and are unable to obtain a Pre-health Committee letter from Yeshiva, you must be aware that our sending only your documents without the expected Committee letter will give Admissions Committees a signal that something is amiss with your application, and by extension, with you. It will likely have a negative effect on their review of your application. In other words, a letter from you explaining that you missed a deadline and that is the reason your Pre-health Committee Recommendation will not be forthcoming is unlikely to put you in a positive light with the Admissions Committees.

You will be interviewed before you have submitted your AMCAS or AAADSAS application but your Committee Letter will not be sent until your computerized AMCAS, AASDAS, etc. application is completed and a copy has been submitted to the Pre-health office. A composite letter of recommendation will be written by the Pre-health office after a personal interview is conducted. The composite is derived from your autobiographical

sketch and recommendations from faculty at Yeshiva College. It will also include reproduced letters from liberal arts teachers and past and/or present employers. The decision concerning which letters to include in the recommendation packet is made at the discretion of the Pre-Health Advisor and is not disclosed to applicants.

Requirements For A Committee Letter

In general, you need to have submitted all the necessary documents requested on the Committee Letter Registration form, which you signed and submitted to the Pre-Health Office.

These include:

- ✓ Self-Evaluation Form
- ✓ Pre-Health Application
- ✓ 1-hour meeting with Pre-health Advisor

VIRTUAL EVALUATIONS—MEDICAL SCHOOLS ONLY

What is Virtual Evaluations (VE)?

YU participates in Virtual Evaluations, an online transmission system to supply each medical, osteopathic or podiatry school with your Committee letter and supporting letters of recommendation. (Please note that committee letters for pre-dental applicants are also submitted electronically via another system.)

The letters are scanned into a pdf format and instantly transmitted to the list of schools on the applicant's final AMCAS application. The applicant is notified immediately via email that the letters have been transmitted.

It's important to notify the Pre-Health Office of any additional health professional schools you apply to after your online application is submitted. The office uses your final application as a guide and cannot see any additional schools if you don't inform them.

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