

The Premedical Committee at UMass Boston

The Premedical Committee provides a composite recommendation for UMass Boston students applying to medical, dental, and veterinary schools. The committee consists of a small number of science faculty and staff and meets weekly from June through November to discuss applicants who have been interviewed by individual members of the committee.

Each year, beginning just after the first of June, the committee interviews applicants who expect to be admitted to medical, dental, or veterinary school in September of the following year. For example, if you are applying in June of 2007, you would expect to begin medical studies in late August of 2008. Your meeting with the committee should take place at the earliest in June, but July, August, and September are usual times as well. October and November can be a little too close to deadline dates and may decrease the chances of being admitted.

To meet with a committee member you must have a completed folder maintained by the Premedical Advisor that contains:

- **Recommendations:** The minimum number is four and the maximum number is eight. **Three** of these recommendations must come from UMass Boston science or math faculty. The fourth and any others, up to eight, can come from anyone else who can write about your qualifications and accomplishments. Yellow recommendation forms may be picked up at the University Advising Center which is located in the Campus Center, 1st floor, room 1100.
- **Transcripts:** Unofficial copies of all college and university course work.
- **A complete** copy of your **AMCAS, AADSAS, or VMCAS** form, including your personal statement.
- **A Resume or Work History:** This shows the committee how your time has been spent outside the classroom. It does not have to be a carefully crafted document such as you would use in a job search.
- **Test Scores:** Results are not required but if they are available they can be helpful during committee deliberations.

The folder in which you are collecting this information is kept by the Premedical Advisor in the University Advising Center. Grace McSorley, premedical advisor, will work with you as you collect the information. When your folder is complete, she will arrange for you to meet with a member of the committee for your interview. After your interview the person who interviewed you will write the composite recommendation on behalf of the committee. The committee meets weekly to review and discuss all applicants.

At the secondary part of the process you will be asked, by the schools that you have applied to, to have your committee composite sent. When requesting your packet to be sent to the schools of your choice, **you must do so in writing or as an email request** so that there is a paper trail for all documents sent on your behalf. You must be sure to follow-up with each school you applied to in order to be sure all materials have been received.