Services for Applicants to All Health Professions Schools – Entry Year 2023

• includes Clearinghouse services and the Health Professions Evaluation (HPE) process!

• SUPPORT FOR EY 2023 APPLICATIONS BEGINS OCT 1. We’ll post the access link here.

With “HPAC offers 14 services to support fall 2023 entry into professions schools.

• Services 3+ require that you register online. Link will be posted after Oct 1.

• Services 5-7 make by far the most impact in strengthening your applications!

1. A Guided Brainstorm to gather the activities, stories, and self-awareness you’ll need to complete the application, essays, and interviews.

2. A Personal Statement Workshop to help you plan, draft, and self-edit your application essays.

3. Biographical Form EY 2023, a “mock application” matching the TMDSAS application that most UT Dallas medical and dental applicants will complete in May-June 2022.
   • You receive Biographical Form EY 2023 when you register online. Link will be posted after Oct 1.
   • Submitting Biographical Form EY 2023 completes your application to participate in Health Professions Evaluation (HPE) for EY 2023.
   • If HPE seats are full by the time you submit, or if your form is incomplete, you’ll be added to the HPE waitlist.

4. Professional businesslike portraits for use in applications and resumes.

5. Revision of your Biographical Form and essays with an assigned HPAC advisor.


7. Guided planning to address weak areas in your application and to leverage your strengths.

8. Guidance on selecting recommendation letter writers to optimize your application.

9. An Interview Skills Workshop to help you prepare for professional school interviews.

10. An Application Seminar to help you navigate the health professions applications in summer 2022.

11. "Clearinghouse" services: collection of recommendation letters, and storage for at least 3 years.
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13. Health Professions Evaluation: practice interviews with UT Dallas faculty or staff.
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   • About 85% of medical schools prefer for applicants to use a Health Professions Evaluation process if your university provides one.
• A Health Professions Evaluation (aka “committee letter”) does not necessarily strengthen your application; it helps medical and dental schools to read your application accurately by emphasizing key points and providing additional context.

FAQ

**When do I apply to professional school?**

In summer before the year you hope to enter. Applicants for EY 2023 apply in summer 2022—usually late May or early June. Over the next two semesters, professional schools conduct interviews and offer acceptances. During that time, HPAC will help you to strengthen your application in case you need to reapply the next summer.

**When do I take admissions tests?**

After you’ve prepared for it, and not before. [Director Rainey’s Recommended MCAT Prep](https://oue.utdallas.edu/pre-health/apply-to-schools/makepdf) offers some tips.

HPAC recommends that you prepare to take admissions tests by May-June of the year you apply.

**When do I ask for recommendation letters?**

If you plan to use HPAC’s clearinghouse or HPE services, give each writer a [Letter of Evaluation Form](https://oue.utdallas.edu/pre-health/apply-to-schools/makepdf) in spring. They should send letters to prehealth@utdallas.edu using that form as a coversheet. Letters are most useful before the end of May.

If you DON’T plan to use HPAC’s clearinghouse or HPE services, they submit their letters directly to the application services in summer.

**Do I need 5 recommendation letters?**

No. Most professions ask for 3, including 2 faculty from biology, chemistry, physics, math, statistics, neuroscience, or engineering. If you have significant research or teaching experiences, it is common to ask your supervising professors; if not, chose whichever faculty know you best.

Some schools demand that the 3rd letter be from a professional in the field (i.e. many dental schools require a recommendation from a dentist).

Through HPAC’s clearinghouse or HPE services, we can collect and upload up to 5 letters on your behalf. For a 4th or 5th letter to be useful, it should highlight qualities or experiences not addressed by the first 3 letters.

**Can I use old recommendation letters?**
Letters supporting an application for EY 2023 should be dated no earlier than May 1 2021. Some wiggle room may be possible for students who complete the committee evaluation process.

**How helpful is a committee letter?**

Very helpful in some cases, because a committee evaluation can help readers to understand experiences or qualities that aren't reflected elsewhere in your applications. While revising your Biographical Form, your assigned advisor can help you decide whether it would help you more to apply with a committee letter or apply earlier without one.

**How do I receive a committee letter?**

Start by registering (we'll make the link available on Oct 1) and submitting Biographical Form EY 2023. We'll send you additional directions.

**I qualified for HPE last year and met the deadlines. Can I participate this year?**

You should have received an e-mail on August 13 “FYI: auto-registration for HPE…”, in which case you are registered for HPE EY 2023. Do NOT submit a Biographical Form EY 2023. In late spring of 2023, if you have not been accepted to professional schools yet, HPAC will ask you to update your previous Biographical Form to complete HPE EY 2023.