



## Health Professions Advising Office

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### The George Washington University Early Assurance Program Student Timeline

To be most competitive for this program, following this timeline is highly recommended. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss their profile with the pre-medical advisor to inquire whether they are competitive for the program. Please use this timeline in conjunction with the posted checklist and FAQ's for complete and current information.

#### **Freshman Year**

##### ● **First Semester**

1. Students should declare their interest in this program to the HPAO.
2. Students need to average 15 credits or more a semester to be eligible to apply in their sophomore year. (Sixty credits need to be completed by second semester sophomore year).
3. Begin pre-med science coursework. Two semesters of CHEM and two semesters of either BIOL or PHYS are required. If AP credit has been earned in these areas, student should continue with additional course work in those disciplines (PHYS excepted)
4. Begin extracurricular activities. Some include: community service, volunteering in a medical setting, tutoring elementary students, research, etc. Extracurricular activities should be diverse to insure that the applicant has a "well rounded" profile. Clinical experience interacting with patients is expected.
5. Become an active member with any of the pre-medical student societies.
6. Attend GWEA information session.

##### ● **Second Semester**

1. Students should make an advising appointment with HPAO to discuss previous Semester's course work, grades, and extracurricular activities, and course work for the next semester.
2. Continue with premedical requirements.
3. Continue with extracurricular activities.
4. Begin establishing relationships with professors, supervisors, and mentors. For the GWEA Program you will need to acquire supportive letters of recommendation.

#### **Sophomore Year**

##### ● **First Semester**

1. Students should make an advising appointment with HPAO to discuss previous semester's course work, grades, and extracurricular activities, and course work intended for the next semester.
2. Continue with pre-med science/math course work.
3. Build upon your medical exposure, research and extracurricular activities.
4. Begin collecting letters of recommendation. Be sure to get GWEA Recommendation Waiver forms from HPAO or the website. All letters should be sent to HPAO. Give recommenders a minimum of one month to prepare a letter.
5. Attend a GWEA information session.

● **Second Semester**

1. Start the application process at the beginning of the semester. Students should make an advising appointment to obtain application materials and also to discuss previous semester's coursework, grades, and extracurricular activities, and coursework intended for the next semester. Applications are due to HPAO by **Monday, March 9, 2009**.
2. Continue collecting letters of recommendation. All letters must be submitted by the application deadline.
3. Continue with pre-med science/math coursework.
4. Continue with extracurricular activities.

**Summer Term**

The best applicants will be invited to GWU for an interview during the late spring. After interviewing, GWU will notify students of their acceptance by July.

**Junior Year**

● **First Semester**

1. Continue with the plan that you provided to GWU as part of your admission application. Alterations to the plan must be discussed with Dean McQuail of GWU, not the HPAO staff.
2. Accepted students are required to submit their transcript at the end of the semester to GWU.
3. GWEA Accepted Students will apply to medical school (through AMCAS) in June as an Early Decision candidate to GWU. By accepting your offer into the Early Assurance Program you are entering a binding contract with GWU.

● **Second Semester**

1. Continue with the plan that the student provided to GWU. Alterations to the plan must be discussed with Dean McQuail of GWU, not the HPAO staff.
2. Accepted students are required to submit their transcript at the end of the semester to GWU.

**Senior Year**

● **First & Second Semester**

1. Continue with the plan that the student provided to GWU. Alterations to the plan must be discussed with Dean McQuail of GWU, not the HPAO staff.
2. Accepted students are required to submit their transcript at the end of the semester to GWU.