

Comprehensive Review Guide

What is a Comprehensive Review?

The comprehensive Review is a developmental application coaching session designed to prepare students for their health professions candidacy. It blends a mock Review with specific application feedback on your drafted application materials (Health Professions Portfolio, Personal Statement, Secondary Essays). Reviews are offered starting in the spring semester to students applying to medical, dental, optometry, or podiatry programs.

The Prehealth Advising team **strongly recommends** that all candidates to these programs complete a comprehensive Review. It is an expectation from many health professions programs that students utilize the services available. Much like the intent to apply form, completing a comprehensive Review does not commit you to applying. In fact, nearly 25% of students who Review opt to take additional time for various reasons.

What are the goals of the Comprehensive Review?

The goals of the Comprehensive Review include helping you provide context to your experiences, emphasize the strengths of your candidacy, and identify ways to address any areas of weakness.

Prehealth Advisers will help candidates put together an application package that can tell a cohesive story of who they are. Students can expect to receive additional assistance in navigating their health profession applications, and guidance on making strong decisions in relation to the process.

What are the benefits to doing a Comprehensive Review?

Students who complete a comprehensive Review can expect in-depth feedback on building their candidacy for their intended health profession. This includes advice on developing your personal statement, describing your experiences on your application, organizing your school list, and more. All materials needed for an Review are of use when completing your full application in the spring.

For students matriculating to medical school in 2023, **students who completed a comprehensive Review and applied had a 77% acceptance rate**, 21% higher than students who did not Review. For dental students, Reviewed students had a 79% acceptance rate, 16% higher than students who did not Review.

How do I schedule a Comprehensive Review?

Following the [Portfolio Kickoff Workshop](#), students applying to medical, dental, optometry, or podiatry programs will be able to **immediately** schedule their date through the Health Professions Portfolio Canvas page. Dates will be available from mid-January through the end of June. The final day to schedule a comprehensive Review will be June 15th.

What do I need to complete a Comprehensive Review?

Prehealth Advising has developed the **Health Professions Portfolio**, which resembles the primary application of each application service. The materials do not need to be perfect and can be drafted versions. To complete a Review, students will need to submit a health professions portfolio, an autobiography draft, and the responses for one school's set of secondary essays. These need to be submitted to the Portfolio Canvas page by 5 days prior to a comprehensive Review. If materials are not submitted, a student's Review may be canceled.

You do not need an entrance exam test score OR letters of recommendation to complete your Review.



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