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Committee Letter Process (CLP)

For those planning to apply in 2013 for 2014 matriculation to medical or dental programs, the first step of the process is to schedule a ‘CLP meeting’ (call 656-2085 for a scheduler) with Polly before you leave for winter break. This is a busy time for appointments so schedule early. Prior to this meeting, review the CLP packet on our web site under current students, print and complete the worksheet, and compute your math/science average for all colleges. Bring it to the meeting along with your thoughts about who you might ask to write reference letters. Please wait to ask your references until after this meeting. You are welcome to bring your preliminary list of schools to this meeting as well.

The best time to prepare materials for the process is between the terms, thus the timing of this required meeting.

Spring Registration

Registration cues and a listing of some suggested elective courses went out last week to pre-date the opening of registration. As always, if you have questions or need assistance with course selection, contact Polly. When classes fill, we request additional seats, so let us know if you need a course that fills. CE students register starting Monday Nov. 19 so register prior to that date if you can.
A Note on Cultural Competency

*Cultural competency is one of the main ingredients in closing the disparities gap in health care. It’s the way patients and doctors can come together and talk about health concerns without cultural differences hindering the conversation, but enhancing it. Quite simply, health care services that are respectful of and responsive to the health beliefs, practices and cultural and linguistic needs of diverse patients can help bring about positive health outcomes.*

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Minority Health

Students aspiring to health care fields should be actively addressing and developing their cultural competence, both to be a desirable professional school applicant AND ultimately to become an effective practitioner.

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**GRE Prep**

Two inexpensive online prep courses run every 5 weeks. Find out more via this link: [http://www.ed2go.com/uvm/](http://www.ed2go.com/uvm/)

(Click ‘Test Prep’ under the ‘Personal Development’ link in the left nav bar. Scroll to GRE Part I (verbal & analytical) or GRE Part II (Quantitative)

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**MCAT Registration**

Registration for 2013 has opened for some early test dates. For those planning this exam, keep an eye on registration dates for the test you want as they can fill quickly. We are fortunate to have a test site in Williston, but it only has 16 seats.

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**New Medical School at Quinnipiac**

The Netter School of Medicine will enroll its first class of 60 students for a 2013 start with an application deadline for their secondary application of January 15th, 2013. They are utilizing AMCAS as of mid October.

The School has preliminary accreditation through LCME and is located on the same campus as their long-standing Health Sciences and Nursing programs in North Haven, CT. They plan to utilize humanistic admissions and have a mission for primary care as well as meeting the needs of the underserved. Here is the URL for additional information: Nettersom.quinnipiac.edu

New schools are typically a bit less selective but come with the risk of a few wrinkles as a new set of faculty and staff begin working together. Accreditation should not be a concern, Quinnipiac enjoys a long-standing and fine reputation for health professions programs.
**Tufts Summer Veterinary Program**

Adventures in Veterinary Medicine (AVM) is a unique career exploration program designed to provide its participants with a deeper understanding of the field of veterinary medicine and the many different and rewarding opportunities available within the profession. Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine is now accepting applications for the 2013 Adventures in Veterinary Medicine Program. One of the sessions will be designed for adult, non-traditional students, May 6-10.

Applications are available online via their website: [http://www.tufts.edu/vet/avm](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/avm)

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**Bastyr University Opens San Diego Campus**

For those of you interested in Naturopathic Medicine: Bastyr University recently opened a second campus in San Diego. An increasing number of states cover N.D. services in this growing field. For more info, visit their website: [http://www.bastyr.edu/california](http://www.bastyr.edu/california)

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**Best of luck on your final exams!**

**We wish you a stupendous Thanksgiving break!**

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