Hello Everyone,

This email will focus on CASPER
Plus:
* fulfilling other requirements for med and dent school.
* volunteer opportunities
* medical school specifics

CASPER
Medical, dental and other health professions schools have grappled for years for tools to help measure the very important personal qualities and character that applicants possess. While numbers are important, they are not the whole story, and letters of recommendation, interviews, etc. have been used to try and evaluate things like responsibility, respect for others, humility, good judgement and integrity. The latest tool, one that was first used by a med school a dozen or so years ago, is CASPER.

As with all our advice, we urge you to get official information on the CASPER website and avoid StudentDoctor.Net as well as test prep companies that are trying to tell you that they can get you a better score. The CASPER website tells you about the test, how to sign up for it, which schools currently require it (about 45 MD schools, a dozen DO schools and a few dental schools), provides tips, and allows you to take practice tests. Familiarity with the test is important so it is wise to do the practice tests.

There are numerous test dates throughout the summer and fall; it would be wise to check the website now and sign up for one of these if you are applying to a school that requires it. Also check out their blog and their tips for preparing for the test. Good luck!

I HAVE NOT FULFILLED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS
Perhaps you have not taken two English courses for credit; perhaps you are seeing two semesters of organic chemistry on the med school’s website. We address those two issues in our composite committee materials and you should not be worried. If you run into challenges, let us know.

Occasionally a school has an idiosyncratic additional requirement such as molecular biology, or psychology, or some other course you have not taken. Remember requirements are for matriculation, not application and you have the entire coming year to take an additional course if a school is interested in you, and you in them. They will ask how you plan to complete the requirement and you can tell them you are taking the course in fall or spring. Do your best to list any courses you feel sure you will be taking in the coming year. You may change your mind about the specific courses.
**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

I. Alizee Weber ’18 sent us this opportunity. She is currently volunteering with them. GetUsPPE is the largest national nonprofit getting personal protective equipment (PPE) like masks and gloves to frontline workers in need, in order to keep them safe and well. We have delivered well over 1.5 million units of PPE to date. We are also committed to doing our part to address systemic inequality through the fair and just distribution of PPE. At the end of the day, our mission is simple: get PPE into the hands of the frontline workers who need it most.

*Volunteers*

We’re looking for volunteers to join our 200+ person team. Our current volunteer needs can be found here on Idealist. We’re seeking self-motivated applicants who can respond quickly to rapidly changing day-to-day needs as the crisis evolves. Volunteers will have opportunities to take ownership over projects and to help the team strategize and grow. Time commitments vary by position, but consistency is more important than overall availability, e.g., it is generally preferable for volunteers to work a few hours a day rather than a lot of hours only on weekends. We work over Slack.

*To apply*

Apply here: https://airtable.com/shrQw1YrZSHXXNiO. Please include a resume and a brief cover letter about your relevant skills and experience. If you have questions, please email volunteer@getusppe.org.

II. Child Family Health International (CFHI) is a longstanding, well-respected global health service organization. CFHI is excited to announce the launch of CFHI Virtual Opportunities! Drawing on a wealth of expertise from our global partners in 12 countries, we have developed a portfolio of opportunities to meet the needs and learning goals of students and universities. From Virtual Internships and Courses to Public Health Practica and beyond, we invite you to explore all of these exciting offerings and contact us with questions and to learn more. For a limited time, applicants can use coupon code AppFee2020 to waive the $45 application fee for all virtual opportunities. Certain virtual opportunities are being offered to 2020 CFHI program participants at reduced or waived fees. Contact students@cfhi.org for more information.

**MEDICAL SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Info on SUNY Upstate
Info William Beaumont

**Regards,**

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