What is HPAC?
The Health Professions Advisory Committee (or HPAC) consists of 15-18 UH faculty members from across campus. The committee is responsible for evaluating the academic and application materials of all UH applicants to medical and dental school each year and providing a recommendation letter that will accompany each student's application to medical or dental school. HPAC's recommendation categories are: Highest Recommendation, Highly Recommend, Recommend, Recommend with Reservations, and Unable to Recommend.

Do I need to complete the HPAC review?
All UH students preparing to apply to medical and dental school are required to undergo the HPAC review during the Spring semester prior to their anticipated application year. Students interested in all other healthcare fields (e.g., optometry, physician assistant, nursing, etc.) will not undergo an HPAC review.

When do I begin the HPAC review process?
Junior/senior pre-medical and pre-dental students preparing to apply for medical or dental school in the upcoming application cycle should begin preparing materials for HPAC during the Fall semester prior to application year. Prospective applicants are expected to meet with an advisor within the Pre-Health Advising Center to discuss the process for completing the HPAC review.

All HPAC participants must meet the following minimum requirements to be eligible for review:
- Completion of science-major level Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- Completion of Organic Chemistry I and completion of or current enrollment in Biochemistry
- Completion of at least 3-credit hours of advanced Biology coursework (e.g., Genetics, Microbiology, etc.)
- Minimum overall and science (BCPM) GPA of 3.0

What documents are required for the HPAC review?
Instructions and HPAC forms can be found on the Pre-Health Advising Center website: https://uh.edu/pre-health. Your HPAC application will include biographical information, transcripts, a resume, a personal statement, and at least 3 letters of evaluation.

Do I have to include the HPAC recommendation in my application?
No, all applicants have the option to replace the HPAC recommendation letter within their letter packet with a general HPAC cover letter. However, you must notify the Pre-Health Advising Center to have the HPAC recommendation removed before submission to the application service (e.g., TMDSAS).

I have already graduated from UH—do I need to complete an HPAC review?
Students that have recently graduated from UH are encouraged to still complete an HPAC review but are not required. Alumni may contact the Pre-Health Advising Center for more information.

I am reapplying—do I need to complete an HPAC review again?
Students reapplying to medical/dental school after an initial review by HPAC must be reviewed again by HPAC—the original letter packet cannot be used. Re-applicants are required to update their file with any new information since the last application, including at least three current (or updated) letters of evaluation and an additional re-applicant statement outlining the steps that were taken to improve the application.