

Autobiographical Information for Pre-Med/Pre-Health Applicants [Marist College Pre-Health Professions Committee](#)

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The information you provide will be used to help the Pre-Health Professions Committee get to know you and to write an informed composite letter of evaluation to accompany your applications. You also may adapt your answers for use in personal statements and other components of your applications to medical and other health professional schools. Please provide information and insights that will help determine the value and relevance of your experiences to your chosen career path by responding to these questions on separate sheets (**your responses should be word-processed**). Attach your responses to this sheet and return to Dr. Joseph Bettencourt, Chair of the Pre-Health Professions Committee, by **March 1 of your junior year**. Hard copy to DN 108B (Dr. Bettencourt's office) or his mailbox in DN 228, or e-mail attachments sent to Joseph.Bettencourt@marist.edu are all fine. **If you miss the March 1 deadline, then the Pre-Health Professions Committee is under no obligation to schedule your interview or complete a composite letter until after September 1.**

1. List all college-level courses you have taken that do not appear on your Marist transcript including college/university, course name/number, grade received and date taken. Why did you take the course where you did? Please have transcripts from each school (or a photocopy) forwarded to Dr. Bettencourt by March 1.
2. Provide a resume listing and describing your employment experiences (including teaching assistantships internships, and non-medicine related jobs) and summer activities (study, travel, etc.), including dates of involvement. Detail extracurricular interests and volunteer work that you have actively pursued, including dates of participation. Include any important awards or scholarships you've received while in high school or at Marist. Then, in a brief essay, answer the following question: How do you feel these activities/duties have helped prepare you for medicine? (Be specific, addressing personal qualities you have developed as a result, e.g., communication skills, responsibility, compassion, organizational skills, etc.). Also, explain how these activities have enriched your interest in medicine/health professions. Include plans for the upcoming summer/year if known.
3. How and when did you become interested in medicine or the health profession to which you are applying? ("Why do you want to be a _____?" Go beyond "because I want to help people and like science"). Which branch of medicine are you currently interested in practicing? In what setting do you anticipate practicing?
4. A career in the medical profession requires a commitment to learning throughout one's career. Please comment, in-depth, on an academic experience at Marist that has fostered this commitment in you.
5. What factors do you think should be stressed in supporting your application? Are there any weaknesses or gaps in your preparation that concern you? If you have withdrawals or contrasting grades on your transcript that require explanation, take the opportunity to do so at this time.
6. List faculty (and non-faculty if appropriate) from whom you anticipate requesting letters of reference. Briefly indicate in what capacity you know these individuals.
7. Tell us anything else you think that we should know about you.