

## Premedical Committee Interview Guidelines

### Premedical Student Responsibilities Before Interview

Students who want the assistance of the Premedical Advisory Committee must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all related coursework at Purchase College. Students who did not meet this average while a student at Purchase, but hold a 3.0 GPA or higher in a Master's Program in a scientific field, will be admitted for an interview.

Students must establish and manage their files through **www.Interfolio.com**, a Web-based credential service used by the Career Development Center (CDC). Students should schedule a meeting with a counselor in the CDC, who will assist the student in establishing and maintaining their Interfolio.com credential file. It is the student's responsibility to consult with the CDC about Interfolio credential management well before the deadline and make certain that all materials, including letters and transcripts, are received on time. Before scheduling an interview with the Premedical Advisory Committee, students must have submitted the following materials to their Interfolio.com account:

1. **Transcripts** from all educational institutions; the Purchase College transcript must include at least four science courses
2. **Letters of recommendation:** a minimum of four confidential letters; several should be from Purchase faculty
3. **Entrance exam scores:** may be completed after the committee interview but before the committee letter is finalized
4. **Résumé**
5. **Autobiographical statement**

Students with **complete** Interfolio files and acceptable GPAs are interviewed by the Premedical Advisory Committee.

This interview also provides a practice experience to prepare the student for the medical school interview process: the faculty may be able to provide feedback and advice on ways to strengthen the student's application or interview skills. Interviews often take place at the end of the spring semester and the beginning of the fall semester. In general student files must be completed 3 weeks prior to the interview appointment, and students must request a place on the interview schedule at the Career Development Center. For additional information, please consult with a counselor in the Career Development Center or a member of the Premedical Advisory Committee.