

GEN ST 297 Section I

Applying to Health Professional School



SLN: [14810](#), 2 Credits, CR/NC

Instructor: **Dan Poux**

Details: **Winter Quarter, Tuesdays 2:30 – 4:20, MGH 241**

The seminar will cover preparing an application, writing an effective personal statement, gathering letters of recommendation, choosing schools, and interviewing. Class time will be spent on group work, short lectures, and visits from experts, such as admissions officials. Grades will be based on in-class assignments, participation in interview exercises, and occasional out-of-class writing assignments, such as drafts of personal statements and professional school applications.

Unlike most academic seminars, this course will require students to direct their inquiry inward and assess themselves realistically and honestly in order to present themselves as unique and competitive candidates. Students will discover their own strengths and challenges in this process, and they will reflect not only on their readiness but also on their motivation and life experiences.

The seminar is open to anyone applying to graduate-level health professional school during the 2016 application season, including applicants to medical, dental, pharmacy, optometry, podiatric, or veterinary medical schools.