



TIPS FOR REAPPLICANTS

If you previously applied to a health professions school and did not get accepted, do not despair! Take a deep breath, remind yourself why you are doing this, and don't give up on chasing your dreams. It is important to reflect upon and improve your application when reapplying. If you have any questions or concerns about your application or reapplying, Pre-Professional Advising can work with you to identify areas that need improvement in your application and to help guide you as you are reapplying. Feel free to [schedule an individual advising appointment](#) with an advisor or email us at preprofessional@jhu.edu.

Here are some important items to consider if you are thinking of reapplying this upcoming cycle.

- ✓ Be honest with yourself and self-reflect on whether your application has truly improved since you last applied. Think about what has changed--GPA, test Score, clinical experiences, research, etc.--and whether these changes have addressed weaknesses from your past application.
- ✓ Determine if you are [eligible for the JHU Committee Letter](#) (review the alumni policy and requirement of an individual advising appointment).
 - If you are still eligible, please ensure that you complete the [Health Professions Application \(HPA\)](#) on time. It's important to note that the HPA deadline is extended for reapplicants. Use the same login and password you used last year. Upon logging in, you will be prompted to fulfill the eligibility CL requirements. Once completed, you will gain access to the EY2025 HPA. Please be aware that the system will not retain your responses from the previous cycle. However, you should have a copy of your previous HPA, which was sent to you via email after submission.
- ✓ Write a **new** personal statement. Health Profession Schools expect reapplicants to have a different personal statement than their previous one, as it exhibits growth and demonstrates that they are a stronger candidate.
- ✓ Reframe your experiences in your essays. For your Work/Activities and secondaries, make sure that your writing exhibits core competencies and big takeaways from these experiences. Express clearly and concisely as to how your various experiences, old and new, have impacted your worldview and path to a health profession.
- ✓ Add **at least one new** letter of recommendation. Having a new reference adds to improving your overall application and can speak to any new experiences you have acquired.
- ✓ Reconsider your school list. Was your previous school list too top-heavy? Were there schools where you would not have been a "good fit"? Make sure to apply broadly. Research whether previously applied schools are worth reapplying to and consider adding other schools to your new school list.
- ✓ Take your interview preparation seriously. Practice with friends and family and get comfortable answering questions about yourself, your experiences, and your commitment to a health profession. Participate in our JHU Pre-Professional Mock Interview Process (sign-up can be found on the [EY2025 Committee Process Homepage](#)).
- ✓ If you are re-applying to medical school, watch the AAMC webinar, "[Knowing When, Where, and How to Re-Apply](#)" or review the key takeaways [here](#). You can also read some tips for reapplicants by medical school admissions officers [here](#).