

Amherst College Post-Baccalaureate Course Work Option Application

Please submit this completed application with an unofficial transcript (from AC Data) to Dr. Richard Aronson at raaronson69@amherst.edu. **Applications are due Friday, June 1, 2018 by 11:59 p.m.**

Members of the Class of 2020 are eligible to apply. If you have not yet met with Dean Aronson, please schedule a meeting with him in May.

Questions about the application can be addressed to Prof. William Loinaz (Chair of the Health Professions Committee), Dean Richard Aronson (Health Professions Advisor), or Rebecca Counter (Health Professions Specialist).

Applicant Information

Name and class year:

Email:

Phone number:

Who is your faculty advisor?

Who is your Class Dean?

Please provide the name of two faculty members who can speak in support of your plans to postpone some science course work.

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Essay

The option to complete some science course work after graduation is intended to support a small number of students making difficult but prudent choices about how they pace their courses in preparation for medical or graduate school. The goal of the program is to allow participating students to best structure their time at Amherst so that they may both enjoy a vibrant academic experience and, following their extra semester or two, complete the pre-requisite course work for medical/graduate school.

Please submit an essay describing: (1) why you think it is best for your overall Amherst education if you slow down or postpone some science course work; (2) which science courses you anticipate taking in the semester or year after graduation (We understand that plans may need to change, so you are not making a firm commitment to exactly these courses); (3) any academic struggles you have had and efforts you have made to ameliorate them; (4) any academic, financial, or other disadvantage that has influenced your academic progress; (5) why this option is preferable to simply taking a few science courses via continuing education after Amherst.

Your double-spaced essay should be between 1.5 and 3.5 pages long.