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CAREERS IN HEALTH · ACCESSIBILITY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



COLLEGE APPLICATION COMPONENTS

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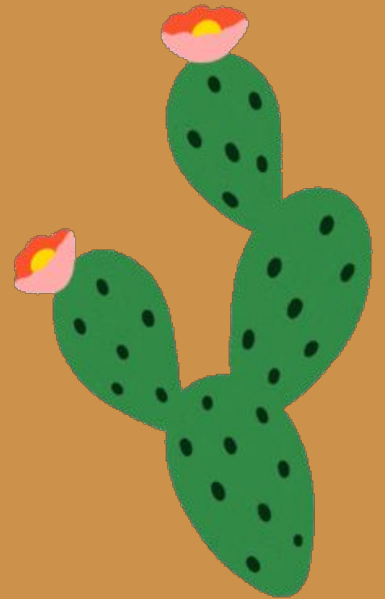
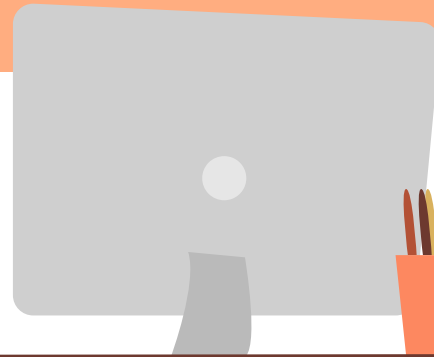
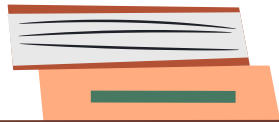
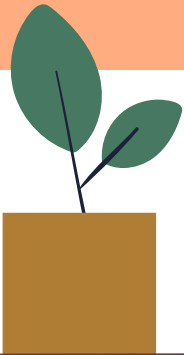


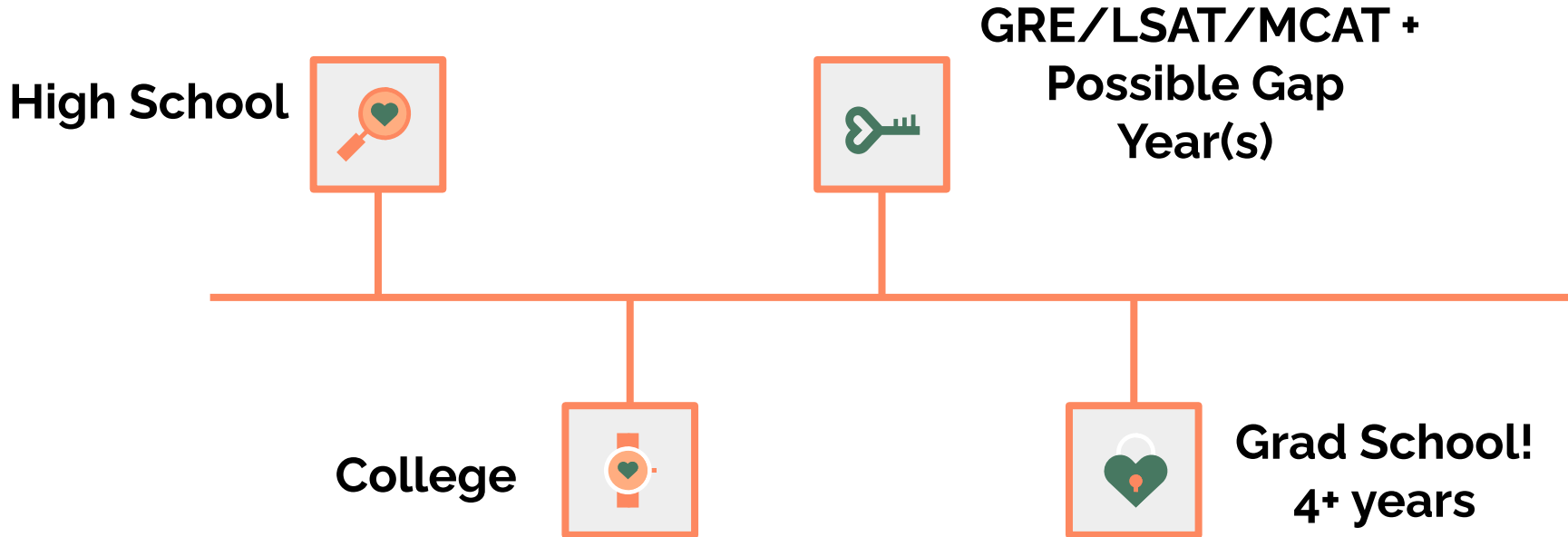
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A TIMELINE FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO GRADUATE SCHOOL



- 4 - Year College
- 2 - Year Community College and transfer to a 4 - Year College

Should you take the SAT or ACT?

- Cal State Universities have suspended admission tests for admissions in Fall 2021 - Spring 2022
- Check website for updates:
https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/reshman/getting_into_the_csu/pages/admission-requirements.aspx
- Many private universities such as USC, Cal Tech, Pomona College, and Santa Clara University are “test-optional”
- Recently a court case ruled that UCs will not be allowed to consider any assessment tests for admissions
 - ◆ From Fall 2021 to 2025
 - ◆ “Test-blind” admissions
- Only consider taking the test for course placement or statewide admissions guarantee (top 9%)
- <https://dailybruin.com/2020/11/06/uc-to-use-test-blind-admissions-for-fall-2021-following-court-decision>

4 Year University vs. Community College

4 Year University

Pros

- Certain path toward a bachelor's degree
- Traditional college experience
- Networking opportunities

Cons

- Expensive
 - In-state public university: \$26,820
 - Out-of-state public university: \$43,280
 - Private university: \$54,880
- Larger class size
- Pressure to complete degree by a certain time

Community College

Pros

- Lower cost of degree
- Easier application process
- Flexibility - learn at your own pace
- Transfer Agreements
 - [TAG Program](#) - Guaranteed acceptance to a UC school
 - Other CC's have different transfer agreements

Cons

- Atypical college experience
- Likely will need more education → can only complete associate's degree
- No on-campus housing

Liberal Arts vs. Research Universities

Liberal Arts

- Typically smaller - more interaction with professors, know more of your peers
- Some professors perform research others do not
- Examples:
 - Williams College
 - Pomona College
 - Swarthmore College



**Pomona
College**

Research University

- Typically larger, wider variety of programs and majors
- Most professors perform research in addition to teaching
- Examples:
 - UCI
 - Harvard
 - New York University



UCI

UCs vs Cal States

University of California and California State Universities are both groups of public universities based in California. Credits are not easily transferable between the two systems.

UCs

- Tuition Cost ~ \$13,200 per academic year
- Focus: Research
 - Ex) Broader majors in Biology, Computer Science, Economics, etc.
- Larger campus
- Most students live on or near campus



Cal States

- Tuition Cost ~ \$5,472 per academic year
- Focus: Professional careers
 - Ex) Majors in apparel/fashion merchandising or Clinical Laboratory Scientist, etc.
- Smaller campus
- Generally, most students commute



Prestige vs. Program

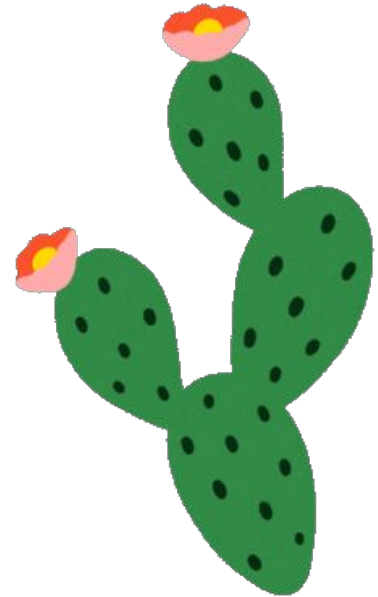
Q: How much does prestige matter for undergraduate students in pre-health?

01. GENERAL COMPONENTS OF AN APPLICATION



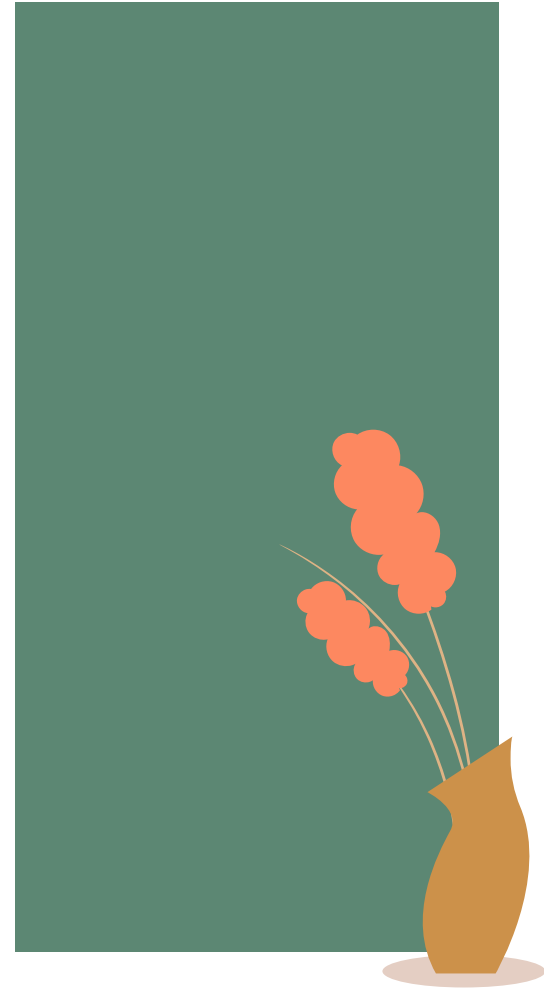
TYPICAL COMPONENTS OF A COLLEGE APPLICATION

- High School Transcript
- List of Extracurricular Activities, Work, and Family Responsibilities
- List of Honors & Achievements
- Personal Statements
- Test Scores (SAT & ACT)
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Parent/Guardian Information



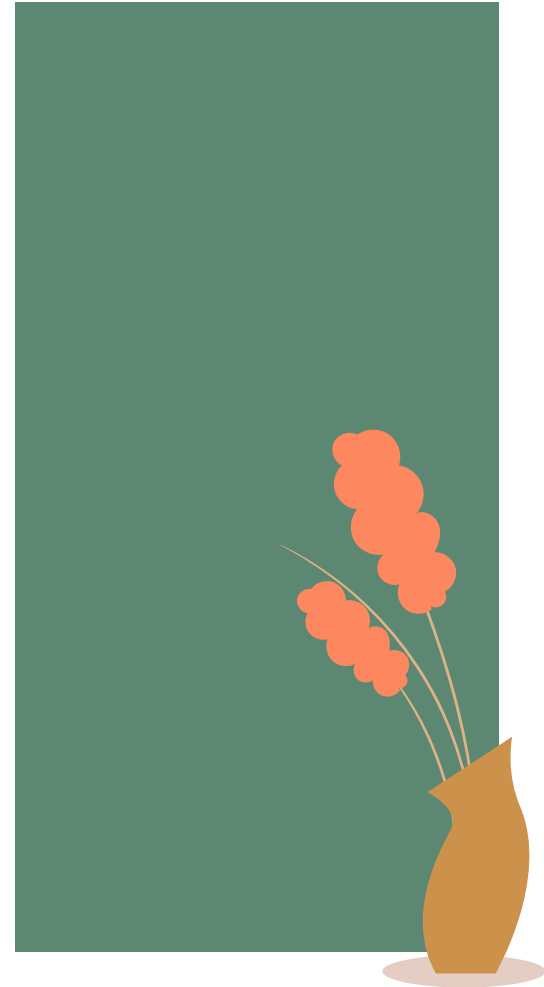
TYPES OF COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: UC APPLICATIONS

- **9 Colleges:** UC Irvine, UC Davis, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, UC Riverside, UC Merced, UCSF (graduate only)
- Application fee: \$70 for each UC campus
 - \$80 for international and non-immigrant applicants
- Application Components:
 - About you
 - Campus & Majors
 - Academic History
 - Test Scores (UC's have suspended SAT & ACT requirement but can still turn in)
 - Activities & Awards
 - Scholarships & Programs
 - Personal Insight Questions
 - Pick 4 prompts to answer; 8 prompts to choose from
 - Word Count: 350 for each reply
- Important Dates & Deadlines
 - **November 30:** Last Day to Submit UC App



TYPES OF COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: COMMON APP

- 900 colleges & universities including many private and Ivy League Schools
- Application Guide for First Time Applicants
 - High School Transcript
 - Extracurricular Activities, Work, and Family Responsibilities
 - Honors & Achievements
 - Test Scores (SAT & ACT)
 - Parent/Guardian Information
 - Letter(s) of Recommendation
 - Number varies b/w universities
 - 1 Personal Statement: Essay Prompts
 - Word Count: 650 Words
 - Other Essays & Short answers dependent on university
- **Deadlines vary** depending on university but the most common deadline is **January 1**



TYPES OF COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: CAL STATE APP

Cal State Application

- 23 Cal State campuses
- Application Fee: \$70 per campus
- Application Guidance for First Time Applicants:
 - Unofficial High School Transcript(s)
 - High School Course Requirements (“a-g courses”)
 - Standardized Testing (SAT & ACT)
 - Parent/Guardian Annual Income
 - Educational Programs & Work Experience
 - Program Materials
 - Some programs require additional questions/documents
- **Deadlines vary** per campus, however the priority application filing period for **Fall 2021** is **October 1, 2020 - December 4, 2020**



TYPES OF COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: COMMUNITY COLLEGE

California Community College Application

- 116 unique community colleges located all over California
- Admission Requirements:
 - High School Transcripts
 - Demographic Information
 - Parent/Guardian Information
- Admission requirements differ slightly for each community college
- **Note:** California community colleges must admit any California resident with a high school diploma
- **No specific deadline** for applying to community college but it is **strongly recommended** to apply by **January** if planning to attend the **following Fall**





02. WORDS FROM OUR PANELISTS

SANTOSH SANKARAN

- **Sophomore, Biological Sciences**
- **Application Tip #1: Don't Lie.**
- **College Tip Numero One: Don't be afraid to try out new things.**



KARINA CHAVEZ

- **3rd year Human Biology**
- **Something about when you applied for college: I got accepted into all cal states and UCs that I applied for, my SAT was below 1300**
- **1 College Tip: Don't be discouraged by grades when you take your first midterm, you already got into college so you're smarter than you think**



VIRGINIA VILLALTA

- **Year, Major: 2nd Year, Public Health Policy**
- **Something about when you applied for college: One of my PIQ's was about a wart on my foot. I had an SAT score of ~1180 I got into majority of the schools I applied to.**
- **1 College Tip: Take advantage of school resources, free tutoring, counseling centers, etc. It costs a lot to go to school, exploit it.**



DHRITI IYER

- **Year, Major: 2nd year, Public Health Sciences**
- **Something about when you applied for college: I applied for a lot of different programs at different schools.**
- **1 College Tip: Don't be afraid to get creative with your essays!**



QUESTIONS?



THANKS!

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