



## Florida Medical & Dental Schools – Required Letters of Evaluation

### PHPL Recommendation:

We strongly recommend that applicants to medical and dental schools try to obtain five letters of evaluation (LOEs). The recommended types of the five letters of evaluation are:

- 2 Science Professor LOE’s
- 1 Non-Science Professor LOE
- 2 Character Reference LOE’s (ex. physician you shadowed, research mentor, employers, volunteer coordinators, etc.)

### Why do we recommend these five types of LOEs?

For applicants who use the UCF Letters Packet, all letters included in the packet will be sent to all schools you apply to. Therefore, the group of letters you obtain must meet the letter requirements for all schools you apply to. We are aware that each medical and/or dental school will have different requirements or preferences for the types of LOEs they want from applicants. Our goal is for your selected types of letters of evaluation to cover the letter requirements at all schools you apply to. For example, even if some medical schools only require three LOEs, but other medical schools require five LOEs, we want you to obtain the five LOEs so you are eligible to apply to most all medical schools you choose to apply to. Please see the chart below for the current LOE requirements at the Florida medical and dental schools.

School	Statements on Types of LOEs
UCF College of Medicine	<p>The UCF MD program requires the following letters to complete a file:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants are required to submit <b>at least three</b>, but no more than five letters of recommendation.</li> <li>• At least <b>one of your letters should be from a professor who has taught you in a science course</b>, and who can adequately speak to both your academic readiness and personal suitability for the pursuit and practice of medicine.</li> <li>• Non-Traditional Applicants may submit a letter from a supervisor in lieu of the required faculty letter. <i>Non-Traditional Applicant – an applicant where at least one year has passed since obtaining the initial bachelor’s degree. This applicant may have completed additional academics possibly leading to another degree, or may have been away from academics for several years.</i></li> <li>• Your remaining letters can come from professors, advisors, research coordinators or preceptors, supervisors, coaches, mentors and personal and professional colleagues. Keep in mind, if you indicate in your application you have spent a significant amount of time with an individual, such as a physician or research mentor, it is advisable to have this individual submit a letter on your behalf. A physician letter is encouraged, but not required.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Pre-Health Advising Committee letter/packet may fulfill our letter requirements. Please note that our preference is for the committee letter to be appended with the individual letters submitted to the Pre-Health Office/Committee to support that letter. Please check with your Pre-Health Advising Office on the format of their committee letter if you are not sure. If individual letters are not included with the committee letter, the applicant may wish to solicit individual letters in addition to the committee letter.</li> <li>• All letters must be signed, include contact information and be on letterhead.</li> <li>• Letters from family members and/or significant others will not be accepted.</li> </ul> <p>(Found at: <a href="https://med.ucf.edu/admissions/application-requirements/">https://med.ucf.edu/admissions/application-requirements/</a>)</p>
<p><b>USF Morsani College of Medicine</b></p>	<p>USF Health MCOM requires applicants submit two (2) letters of recommendation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While <b>five (5) letters of recommendation are recommended</b>, it is REQUIRED that a minimum of two (2) letters come from science faculty* who have taught you in a formal course: *TA (Teaching Assistant) is not considered faculty. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Letters can originate from basic science faculty. Science faculty includes but is not limited to: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Additional letters of recommendation can be non-science faculty letters or character letters from individuals who can speak of your abilities and attributes outside of an academic setting. Character letters <b>should not</b> be from a family member, peer or a relative. Character letters should corroborate your experiences in AMCAS. They should include but are not limited to: Physicians you’ve shadowed, Research Mentors, Volunteer Coordinators/Supervisors, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Non-science faculty includes but is not limited to: Math, Psychology, English, Humanities, Anthropology, History, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(Found at: <a href="https://health.usf.edu/medicine/mdprogram/mdadmissions/recommendation">https://health.usf.edu/medicine/mdprogram/mdadmissions/recommendation</a>)</p>
<p><b>FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine</b></p>	<p>HWCOC requires a <b>minimum of three letters of recommendation, two from science faculty (biology, chemistry, physics, and math) and one from any other faculty member who has taught the applicant.</b> If the school has a Health Professions Advisory Committee, it is expected that the applicant will submit a letter of recommendation from that committee with the three faculty letters described above attached to the advisory committee letter. <b>In addition to the required letters, applicants can submit up to three supplemental letters from physicians, researchers, mentors, employers, etc.</b> Letters of recommendation from friends or relatives are not considered. In all cases, letters should be recent, from individuals who know the student well, and who can assess an applicant’s personal qualities. Letters must be written on official letterhead stationary and signed.</p> <p>(Found at: <a href="https://medicine.fiu.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/doctor-of-medicine/admissions/application-process-a-z/letters-of-recommendation/index.html">https://medicine.fiu.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/doctor-of-medicine/admissions/application-process-a-z/letters-of-recommendation/index.html</a>)</p>
<p><b>FSU College of Medicine</b></p>	<p><b>At least three and no more than five letters of recommendation are required. It is preferred that applicants submit two letters from science faculty who have taught the applicant, and one letter from any other non-science faculty</b></p>

	<p><b>member who has taught the applicant.</b> If a school or college provides a Committee Letter of recommendation, that will fulfill the requirement; however, in addition, the Admissions Committee prefers to see individual letters of reference from faculty members who have taught applicants. Ultimately, letters should be from people who have worked with and who know the applicant well. People who will write the most informative and helpful letters about an applicant's suitability to enter medical school should be chosen.</p> <p>(Found at: <a href="https://med.fsu.edu/mdAdmissions/admissionRequirements">https://med.fsu.edu/mdAdmissions/admissionRequirements</a>)</p>
FAU Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine	<p>We require a <b>minimum of three letters from faculty members who have taught the applicant. Two of these letters must be written by science faculty members while the third can be written by either a science or non-science faculty member.</b> Additional letters may be submitted if they provide truly unique information or insight into the applicant's qualifications to study medicine.</p> <p>(Found at: <a href="http://med.fau.edu/admissions/md/reqpro.php">http://med.fau.edu/admissions/md/reqpro.php</a>)</p>
University of Florida College of Medicine	<p>The University of Florida College of Medicine requires a <b>minimum of 3 letters. A specific distribution of recommenders is not required.</b></p> <p>(Found at: <a href="https://admissions.med.ufl.edu/admission-requirements/regular-admission-requirements/">https://admissions.med.ufl.edu/admission-requirements/regular-admission-requirements/</a>)</p>
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine	<p><b>Three letters from individual faculty members, two of whom must be science faculty who have taught you.</b></p> <p>(Found at: <a href="http://admissions.med.miami.edu/questions/letters-of-recommendation-questions">http://admissions.med.miami.edu/questions/letters-of-recommendation-questions</a>)</p>
Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine	<p>Applicants are required to <b>submit at least three</b>, but no more than four letters of recommendation. <i>(Note: It is acceptable for UCF applicants to submit five letters within the UCF Letters Packet.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>At least one of your letters should be from a professor that has taught you in a math or science course</b>, and who can adequately speak to both your academic readiness and personal suitability for the pursuit and practice of medicine.</li> <li>• Your remaining letters can come from professors, advisors, clinical research coordinators or preceptors, supervisors, coaches, mentors, and personal and professional colleagues.</li> </ul> <p>(Found at: <a href="https://md.nova.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements.html">https://md.nova.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements.html</a>)</p>
Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine	<p>Letters of recommendation from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A physician (M.D. or D.O.)</b></li> <li>• Pre-professional committee, or if such a committee does not exist, then <b>three letters of recommendation are needed (two from science professors and one non-science professor).</b> Examples of a non-science letter include but are not limited to English, Psychology, Mathematics, and Humanities.</li> </ul> <p>(Found at: <a href="https://osteopathic.nova.edu/do/admissions/index.html">https://osteopathic.nova.edu/do/admissions/index.html</a>)</p>
LECOM-Bradenton College of Osteopathic Medicine	<p>You may request letters of recommendation from your pre-health professions advisor or pre-professional committee. If you are unable to obtain a pre-professional committee letter, you may submit <b>two letters of recommendation from undergraduate or graduate college/university science professors. A letter of recommendation from an osteopathic physician is highly recommended.</b></p> <p>(Found at: <a href="https://lecom.edu/admissions/\apply/do-applications-procedure/">https://lecom.edu/admissions/\apply/do-applications-procedure/</a>)</p>

<b>University of Florida College of Dentistry</b>	<p><b>Three individual letters</b> or one committee letter are required. (Letter types defined by ADEA). We do not require letters to be written by specific professors or professionals.  (Found at: <a href="https://admissions.dental.ufl.edu/d-m-d/ufcd-requirements/applicants/">https://admissions.dental.ufl.edu/d-m-d/ufcd-requirements/applicants/</a>)</p>
<b>Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine</b>	<p><b>“Three individual letters of evaluation from undergraduate instructors... Two of these should be from science instructors and the other one from a liberal arts instructor.</b> If possible, these letters should be from faculty who know the applicant’s scholastic abilities and personal character; otherwise, they should be from individuals (nonrelatives) who can provide an evaluation to the committee on admissions. <b>A letter of evaluation from a dentist (highly recommended, but not required).</b>  (Found at: Page 14 of <a href="https://www.nova.edu/publications/dental_brochure/16/index.html">https://www.nova.edu/publications/dental_brochure/16/index.html</a>)</p>
<b>LECOM-Bradenton School of Dental Medicine</b>	<p><b>LECOM requires two (2) core science letters of recommendation submitted to AADSAS.</b> You may submit two (2) core science letters of recommendation from undergraduate or graduate college/university core science professors.  (Found at: <a href="https://lecom.edu/admissions/apply/lecom-dmd-application-procedure/">https://lecom.edu/admissions/apply/lecom-dmd-application-procedure/</a>)</p>