

Case #5: Non-traditional applicant

Academics

School: York University

GPA: 3.60-3.79 Program: Nursing

MCAT: 9-10 (V), 9-10 (P), 9-10 (B), P(W)

Extracurriculars

• Worked as a nurse for 2 years

Hospital volunteering and shadowing

No research activity

Goals

 Medical school admission, applied once before without success

Diagnosis

 Moderate MCAT and GPA, non-traditional background (no research, not a typical life science applicant).

Plan

 Focus on creating a more "medicine oriented" application

Approach

 Student approached us 6 months before the application deadline. We suggested research projects for the student to pursue which turned out to be quite successful in that 6 month period. He made even more progress between the time periods between application submission and interviews.

- We extensively edited his personal essay and autobiographical sketch to highlight nursing experiences. Specifically, we discussed how his nursing experience made him a unique candidate with greater experience in patient care compared to other applicants. The arguments were quite convincing.
- In addition, he received multiple mock interviews that were tailored for specific schools with detailed feedback.

Result

- Attended McMaster University medical school
- Continues to be mentored by MD Consultants during medical school