veCollect: An Overview

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Why veCollect

- This platform is used internally as part of Wesleyan's committee letter file or letter packet process for the health professions. It facilitates the preparation of the committee letter files by providing access to the individual letters the applicant requests in support of our committee letter file or the letter packet.
- For the Letter Packet, it facilitates the compilation of the one-page cover letter prepared by the Health Professions Advisor/Program Coordinator and the individual letters of recommendation into one file.
- It also provides the Wesleyan Health Professions Panel members a mechanism to view the committee letter applicant's documents in order to jointly finalize the applicant's committee letter file.
- It allows the applicant to monitor their file throughout this process and ensure that it is complete and ready for review. Thus, as an applicant it is very important to complete every detailed step.
- It is essential that the applicant read this document very carefully and use it as a reference as they set up their veCollect file.

**Please also refer to the veCollect section of the "Instructions and Overview Request for a Committee Letter/Letter Packet" guide (pages 12-18) for detailed instructions

The Committee Letter File Review

The Wesleyan Health Professions Panel members access the veCollect files from the first week of June through the first week of August as we finalize the committee letter process.

The panel is made up of eight to ten members, including the Health Professions Advisor/Program Coordinator, who is one of two Co-Chairs.

The official timeline to upload letters to the various Standardized Application Services is 30 July through the second Friday of August (in the last six years, we have been able to upload all files by the first Friday of August).

The Committee Letter File Review

The committee letter file we upload to AMCAS/ AACOMAS/ AADSAS/ VMCAS/ TMDSAS includes:

- The committee letter from Mildred Rodríguez, PhD
- All individual letters of recommendation submitted to veCollect in support of the applicant, found in the corresponding Quiver
- The Applicant's Health Professions Resume
 - This document must follow the guidelines provided in the "Instructions and Overview Request for Committee Letter" available on the Wesleyan Health Professions website

Re-Applicants

- Re-applicants will use their original credentials to log in to veCollect.
- Create a new Quiver for the current application year.
 - For example, if you applied in 2020 but are now applying in 2023, for Entry Year 2024, you will create a new MD, DO, or Dental Quiver indicating the current application year, such as MEDICAL 2023 or DENTAL 2023.
- You may make multiple Quivers to suit your needs. For each additional program type you are applying to, you will need a designated Quiver.
 - For example, if applying to MD schools <u>and</u> Osteopathic schools, you would need an MD 2023 Quiver and a DO 2023 Quiver.
- You will create a new Committee Letter evaluator record and letter record.

Re-Applicants

 Re-applicants will designate their new, updated committee letter by creating a new evaluator record and adding the current application year, for example:

First Name: Mildred

Last Name: Rodríguez 2023

- Adding the year will allow us to upload the updated committee letter to the correct evaluator record, and in the correct Quiver.
- Go to page 13 for a review on how to set up evaluators.



New Applicants: Create an Account

- Go to <u>www.virtualevals.com</u>
 - Click on Launch veCollect



New Applicants: Getting Started

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veCollect. After its: You can only **Getting Started**

Are you an applicant? Click here to register for veCollect access!

Are you returning? Login to your account.

veCollect is available to applicants whose advisors have registered for veCollect Service. If you are unsure, check with your advisor to see if you are eligible to use veCollect.

We have created instructional videos to help you use veCollect. Where available, links to the videos will appear in orange. On the right-hand side of the screen, you will see the "Getting Started" box.

Register for Access

Find your institution.

In which state is your institution located?

Choose CT CT . Continue Cancel

Here are the institutions from CT.

Select your institution from the list.

 Choose Wesleyan, click Continue



Enter the Wesleyan Authorization code, choose a username and password, and input your contact information. Save the information and remember it for for your next login

•••••	To obtain the code you will need to submit the veCollect Authorization
*Login	Code Request Form to the HPAA
*Password	(can be found on the <u>Request the</u>
*Password confirmation	<u>Committee Letter</u> webpage)
'First name	
Middle name	
'Last name	
Email	
Secondary email	
Year you graduated or expect to graduate from undergraduate college / university	
Year you expect to enter health professions school / program	

The next screen gives you an overview image of veCollect for applicants, evaluators, and advisors



As applicants, your first step is to create your Evaluator Records, and then secondly create your Quivers



Below you will see a flow diagram of how veCollect works. Before getting started, please review the more detailed information under the "For Applicants" tab in the menu above. See the sidebar for additional tools.



Creating Evaluator Records for the **Committee Letter**

Please note: Applicants must indicate on their AMCAS, AACOMAS, AADSAS, VMCAS or TMDSAS that the committee letter will be submitted electronically.

The HPAA will receive an email with a link to the AMCAS / AACOMAS / AADSAS / VMCAS / TMDSAS portal and instructions for the submission of the electronic Committee Letter File on behalf of the HP Panel.

The "committee letter file" will include the Committee Letter, HP Resume, and the Individual Letters of Recommendation in your veCollect Quivers.

The information for the person writing the committee letter is:

Name of the recommender: **Mildred Rodríguez, PhD** Title: **Health Professions Advisor/Program Coordinator** Email address: <u>health.professions@wesleyan.edu</u> Letter Type: **Committee Letter**

Wesleyan University Gordon Career Center You need an evaluator record for the Committee Letter writer (or Cover Letter writer for letter packet), and evaluator records for at least three individual letter of recommendation writers

Create New Evaluator Record

- From this screen you will create an "evaluator record" for each of your evaluators.
- For each evaluator record you will t create a "letter record." In most cases, an evaluator will write a single letter for an applicant. You will designate the "letter type" as the type of program or programs for which the letter will be written. In some cases an applicant who is applying to two types of programs, may have requested that the evaluator write two letters, one for each type of program. The applicant would need to create two letter records for that evaluator and indicate the type of program for each.

Instructional Videos: Creating Evaluator Records Creating Letter Records Communicating with Evaluators

For each letter re ... Click to Read More

Title	Dr.	•
First name		
Middle name		
Last name		

This gives you some info on how to go about choosing an evaluator. You may also go to the Wesleyan HP website

Choose Evaluators that know you well to write you a strong letter of support regarding your potential as a healthcare provider.

Title	Dr.	
First name	Julius	окі
Middle name	Caesar	
Last name	Romano	ок!
Address1	1010 Center Plaza	OK!
Address2		
City	NYC	OK!
State	NY	
Province		
Country		
Postal code	10032	окі
Evaluator Type	Clinical Mentor/Supervisor	- Note: email
Email		and phone
Phone		number are
Fax		also required
After creating an evaluator record, you will create a "letter record" for	that evaluator. You will indicate the type of health professions scho	ol/program to which you a

Create Evaluator Record

Back to evaluators

As you create Evaluator Records, they will appear as manila "index cards"

Dr. Julius Caesar Romano (Clini	ical Mentor/Supervisor)	
1010 Center Plaza NYC, NY 10032	4013456789 (phone)	
Edit Eval		
Medical Schools		
Medical Schools		
Medical Schools		
Add new letter record		
Dr. Appe Zyzywyute (Shadower)		
1990 and an in street		
Middletown, , CT 06459	azyxwvuts@anymedcenterusa.org 8608652180 (phone)	
Edit Eval		
Medical Schools		
Add new letter record		

Creating records for the Committee Letter based on your needs

If you are applying to MD versus DO programs, for example, you will indicate the relevant centralized application service acronym after the Committee Letter writer's last name, such as:

Evaluator Record for MD schools

Evaluator Record for DO schools

Dr. Mildred Rodriguez (Advisor)

41 Wyllys Avenue Middletown, CT 06457 health.professions@wesleyan.edu 860-685-2180 (phone)

Committee Letter



Creating Letter Records for your Evaluators

Indicate Letter Type by choosing the most appropriate description

Letter type:	Choose this "letter type" for your
Committee Letter	committee letter of recommendation
Physical Therapy Programs Post Bac Pre-Health Programs DO/PhD Programs Veterinary Schools Nursing Schools Other Personal Statement (if advisor requests) Resume (if advisor requests)	4 and subsequently amended, an individual has a right to examine his/her ed f that record, unless he/she waives that right. When you create a letter recor ne letter. Enter the date and your name which will be considered an electroni ential letters of evaluation/recommendation, i.e., those that are written with the tters.
Application (if advisor requests) Pharmacy Shadower Biographical Report Self-Assessment Guide DO NOT USE OLD LETTER TO BE DELETED	e regarding the FERPA statement. live my the right to inspect this letter of evaluation at any time. by do not waive the right to inspect this letter of evaluation at any time. ality preference by typing in your name to serve as a signature.
New Letter ✓Committee Letter	19

Creating Letter Records for your Evaluators

You must also create a letter record for each Individual Letter of Recommendation Writer

Letter type:	For applicants to med school choose
Medical Schools	letters of recommendation
FERPA Statement	
Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and subsequently create a letter record, you must indicate whether or not you waive your right to	amended, an individual has a right to examine his/her see the letter. Enter the date and your name which w
Please note that Health professions schools prefer confidential letters of evalu	ation/recommendation, i.e., those that are written with
For each letter you must provide a response and signature regarding the FERF	PA statement.
I request a CONFIDENTIAL evaluation. I permanently waive my the right to	inspect this letter of evaluation at any time.
I request a NON-CONFIDENTIAL evaluation and retain my do not waive the	right to inspect this letter of evaluation at any time.
To create a letter record, you must confirm your confidentiality preference by t	yping in your name to serve as a signature.
Create Letter Record Back to evaluators	

Signing the Letter Record

Please choose CONFIDENTIAL for all Letter Records, and sign by typing your name. The committee letter is confidential, and all individual letters of recommendation/ evaluations must also be designated as confidential.

For each letter you must provide a response and signature regarding the FERPA statement.

• I request a CONFIDENTIAL evaluation. I permanently waive my the right to inspect this letter of evaluation at any time. I request a NON-CONFIDENTIAL evaluation and retain my do not waive the right to inspect this letter of evaluation at any time.

To create a letter record, you must confirm your confidentiality preference by typing in your name to serve as a signature.



Creating Evaluator Records and Letter **Records for Supporting Documents**

There is no "letter type" specifically for the Transcript. The Evaluator entry is HPAA and the year, the Letter Type is "Other." Add "TRANSCRIPT" to clearly identify this document.

Note: This transcript is used for the Wesleyan HP Panel's review process. The APPLICANT must request a transcript for the centralized application (e.g., AMCAS, AACOMAS, or AADSAS) directly through the Wesleyan Registrar's Office.

HPAA 2023	TRANSCRIPT (Other)		
41 Wyllys Avenue Boger Hall Middletown, CT 06459	health.professions@wesleyan.edu 8608652180 (phone)		
Edit Eval Other Add new let	ter record	←	Clicking on the envelope icon sends an email to the evaluator, prompting them to upload their document

Email Request to the Evaluator

 Once you click on the envelope icon, the evaluator will receive an email within a couple of days. Advise your letter writers that the sender ID will consist of collect+ with a series of random numbers and letters, ending with virtualevals.org as shown below:

From: collect+0148f860-c1a6-40e7-aacf-ba02b3089bb4@virtualevals.org <collect+0148f860c1a6-40e7-aacf-ba02b3089bb4@virtualevals.org> Date: Friday, March 17, 2023 at 4:07 AM To: health.professions@wesleyan.edu <health.professions@wesleyan.edu> Cc: vecollectinvitations@gmail.com <vecollectinvitations@gmail.com> Subject: [veCollect.] Request for evaluation from Xiaohan Zhan

has informed the web-based evaluation letter service **veCollect** that you have agreed to write a letter of evaluation for his/her/their application for a Committee Letter.

The Applicant as an "Evaluator" for the Committee Letter File

Following the same method, the applicant will create three Evaluator Records (with Letter Records) for themselves, using their own information.

These are for the applicant to upload their HP Resume, Personal Statement, and the Extracurricular Detail Worksheet. The letter records will be designated as "Other".

Click the envelop icon to send an email request to yourself to upload the documents to veCollect.



When an Evaluator's Letter is uploaded to your veCollect you will see the 🔼 icon

Middletown, CT 06459 Edit Eval Personal Statement (if advisor requests) Add new letter record	Middletown, CT 06459 Edit Eval Medical Schools Add new letter record
Ms. Mildred Amedina Resume (Other) 45 Wyllys Ave P.O. Box 12345 Middletown, CT 06459 Edit Eval Medical Schools	Ms. Mildred Amedina Worksheet (Other) 45 Wyllys Ave mamedina@wesleyan.edu P.O. Box 12345 8606852180 (phone) Middletown, CT 06459 Edit Eval Medical Schools Add new letter record
If you "hover" the mouse over the icon it will show you the day and time it was uploaded	

For the Letter Packet

 Create an Evaluator Record for the cover letter provided by the Health Professions Advisor



Create a Quiver by clicking on the "My Quiver" tab and then the "Create New Quiver" button

Dashboard	My Evaluators	My Institutions	My Quiver	Process My Letters
Dashboard				

You will create a "Quiver" of letters to support your application. What is actually transmitted to health professions schools will depend upon the practice of your advising office (see the sidebar).

- Review any specific instructions/requirements/guidelines that your advisor has provided to you--directly
 or on veCollect. [click here to see the requirements/guidelines for your institution]
- Applicants who are applying to a single type of school/program will create will create one Quiver.
- If you are applying to two different types of schools/programs and you wish to use the same letters for each, you will create one Quiver.
- If you are applying to two different types of schools/programs and you wish to use DIFFERENT letters for each type of school/program, then you will need to create two Quivers and indicate which Quiver is to be used for each type of program.
- If you have already created a Quiver, it will be displayed below. If you need to edit that Quiver, select the "add/remove letters" link.

Create a Quiver(s) based on your needs e.g., Create a Dental or Letter Packet Quiver



Wesleyan University Gordon Career Center Advisor/Program Coordinator

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Name the Quiver based on the Health Profession you are planning to pursue



DO Quiver This guiver contains the following letters: Medical Schools Letter from Jane Doe Other Letter from Posalind Adgers TRANSCRIPT Committee Letter Letter from Mildred Rodriguez AACOM Other Letter from Rosalind Adgers Medical Schools Letter from Mildred Amedina Resume Medical Schools Letter from Anne Zyxwvuts

Add/Remove letters | Delete this quiver

Note: the transcript only goes in the Supporting Documents Quiver

The MD, DO, Dental, or Optometry Quivers <u>must</u> contain the following documents



- All letters of recommendation from individual letter writers
- The committee letter of recommendation
- The HP resume

Create a Supporting Documents Quiver

Create New Quiver

- Enter into the "description" box the type of health professions school you are applying to for which the letters in the Quiver will be used. This should be the same as the "letter type" in the letter record.
- If you are applying to MD and DO programs and will use the same Quiver for both, then enter "medical schools."
- If you are applying to MD and DO programs and will use different letters, you must create two Quivers. Describe one as MD and select the letters that will be included in that Quiver. Describe the other as DO and select the letters will be in that Quiver.

Description

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Select the letters to be included in this quiver:

- Medical Schools Letter from Rosalind Adgers
- Other Letter from Rosalind Adgers TRANSCRIPT
- Personal Statement (if advisor requests) Letter from Mildred Amedina
- Medical Schools Letter from Mildred Amedina Resume

- Other Letter from Rosalind Adgers
- Other Letter from Rosalind Adgers TRANSCRIPT
- Medical Schools Letter from Mildred Amedina Personal Statement
- Medical Schools Letter from Mildred Amedina Worksheet **

Supporting Documents Quiver



The Health Professions Panel members will not review your committee letter file unless <u>all</u> of these documents are in this Quiver.

Add/Remove Documents to Edit your Quivers

Edit Quiver

If you need to edit a quiver you may make changes from this screen.

DO Quiver	
Select the letters to be included in this quiver:	
Medical Schools Letter from Rosalind Adgers	Other Letter from Rosalind Adgers
Other Letter from Rosalind Adgers TRANSCRIPT	Other Letter from Rosalind Adgers TRANSCRIP
Personal Statement (if advisor requests) Letter from Mildred Amedina	Medical Schools Letter from Mildred Amedina Personal Statement
Medical Schools Letter from Mildred Amedina Resume	Medical Schools Letter from Mildred Amedina Worksheet
Medical Schools Letter from Jane Doe	Committee Letter Letter from Mildred Rodriguez
Committee Letter Letter from Mildred Rodriguez	Medical Schools Letter from Mildred Rodriguez
Committee Letter Letter from Mildred Rodriguez	Committee Letter Letter from Mildred Rodriguez
AACOM	AACOM
Medical Schools Letter from Julius Romano	Medical Schools Letter from Julius Romano
Medical Schools Letter from Julius Romano	Resume (if advisor requests) Letter from Julius Romano HP Resume
Medical Schools Letter from Anne Zyxwyuts	

Save

Changes

Updating Documents

- If an evaluator wants to update a letter that they uploaded three months prior (for example), create a new Evaluator Record and call it Jane Doe NEW (placing the word NEW after the last name).
- Send the evaluator a new upload request by clicking the envelope icon, and the updated letter should replace the prior letter in your Quivers.
- It is helpful to us if the evaluator changes the date on the letter so that we can discern that a change has been made and that the new letter has been uploaded.

Updating Documents cont.

- Applicants can also update their own documents by creating a new Evaluator Record and placing the word NEW after their last name.
- Once new documents and letters are uploaded, the applicant must go into the relevant Quiver to remove any old documents/letters of recommendation to ensure that we include the correct documents in our file.

Questions

- Use the "Instructions and Overview of the Request for the Committee Letter" or the "Instructions for the Letter Packet Request" handouts as a resource.
- If you have questions about veCollect, please reach out to the Health Professions Administrative Assistant, who compiles the Committee Letter Files and later uploads them to the corresponding centralized application service.
- Contact: Email <u>health.professions@wesleyan.edu</u> or call (860) 685-2180.

