IF AT FIRST YOU DON’T SUCCEED

(consider re-applying!)
So You Weren’t Admitted This Year....
You are in GOOD COMPANY!!

*Persistence Pays Off!*

- MANY great, qualified applicants get denied at least once
- 50% of ECU’s entering class are re-applicants!
- 15-20% of Wake and Carolina’s entering classes are re-applicants
Take a Critical Look at Your Application: (think: BALANCE!)

• **Academic**: GPA, test scores
• **Clinical**: Patient contact, shadowing, volunteering
• **Service**: Humanitarian, community, military, volunteering
• **Social**: Leadership, hobbies, interests, family
If You Achieved a Wait-List or Alternate Status

• Your application was competitive
• You may simply re-submit application without changes
• However, you risk appearing “lazy”
Consider:

- Re-writing personal statement: show, don’t tell

- Obtaining new or updated Letters of Recommendation: consider the breadth of letters

- Doing something noteworthy before next application cycle: address your weaknesses
If you received an interview only:

- **Hone your interview and interpersonal skills:** mock interviews (CALS Career Services or Health PAC)

- **Get conversant in current healthcare issues,** study [www.studentdoctor.net](http://www.studentdoctor.net)
If You Didn’t Get a Nibble:

• Take TIME to re-group: don’t rush

• Speak with Health PAC: we can help even after you graduate

• Ask for an “exit interview” with admissions officers to evaluate your application

• Identify your weak areas and develop a plan
Your Plan Depends on Brutally Honest Self-Assessment

Is this really the best career choice?
• www.explorehealthcareers.org

If so, make a **significant** improvement in your application next time

• Do you need higher MCAT/DAT scores?
• Would a graduate or post-baccalaureate program be beneficial?
• Should you get more clinical or world experience, perspective
• Do you just lack maturity or confidence?
You will end up where you belong!

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