

Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR™)

Timeline for Application/Admission

This should be considered a general guide for applicants. It is important that an applicant considering medical school consult with his or her prehealth advisor to devise a schedule that works for the individual.

COLLEGE YEAR 1

- **Fall semester**
 - Meet prehealth advisor and investigate prehealth advisory program
 - As applicable, ensure that prehealth advisor receives course directors' evaluations
 - Successfully complete first-semester required premedical coursework and other degree requirements
- **Spring semester**
 - Visit "Considering a Career in Medicine" Web site (www.aamc.org/students/considering)
 - Identify summer employment/volunteer medically related opportunities
 - Successfully complete second-semester required premedical course work and other degree requirements
 - Ensure that prehealth advisor receives course directors' evaluations

SUMMER 1

- Complete summer paid/volunteer medically related experience
- Attend summer school, if necessary

COLLEGE YEAR 2

- **Fall semester**
 - Check in with prehealth advisor and participate in prehealth activities
 - Investigate available volunteer/paid medically related clinical or research activities
 - Successfully complete first-semester required premedical coursework and other degree requirements
 - Ensure that prehealth advisor receives course directors' evaluations
- **Spring semester**
 - Check in with prehealth advisor and participate in prehealth activities
 - Participate in volunteer/paid medically related clinical or research activities
 - Identify summer employment/volunteer medically related opportunities
 - Successfully complete second-semester required premedical course work and other degree requirements
 - Ensure that prehealth advisor receives course directors' evaluations

SUMMER 2

- Complete summer paid/volunteer medically related experience
- Participate in a summer health careers program, if available
- Attend summer school, if necessary

COLLEGE YEAR 3

- **Fall semester**
 - Check in with prehealth advisor and participate in prehealth activities
 - Continue participation in volunteer/paid medically related activities
 - Investigate:
 - Medical education options in MSAR and (www.aamc.org/members/listings/msalphae.htm)
 - Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) Web site (www.aamc.org/mcat)
 - Information about the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) fee assistance on the AAMC Fee Assistance Program Web site (www.aamc.org/fap), as appropriate
 - AAMC's "Applying to Medical School" Web site (www.aamc.org/students/applying/start.htm)
 - As applicable, information for students from groups underrepresented in medicine on the AAMC Minorities in Medicine Web site (www.aamc.org/students/minorities/start.htm)
 - Begin preparation for spring MCAT administration
 - Successfully complete first-semester required premedical coursework and other degree requirements
 - Ensure that prehealth advisor receives course directors' evaluations

COLLEGE YEAR 3

- **Spring semester**
 - Consult regularly with prehealth advisor regarding:
 - Schedule for completion of school-specific requirements for advisor/committee evaluation
 - Advice about medical education options
 - Continue participation in volunteer/paid medically related activities
 - Prepare for spring MCAT administration
 - Continue review of medical education options
 - Take spring MCAT
 - Investigate information about the:
 - AMCAS Web site (www.aamc.org/amcas)
 - Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS) Web site (www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas/)
 - Ontario Medical School Application Service (OMSAS) (www.ouac.on.ca/)
 - American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) (www.aacom.org/)
 - American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) (<https://aacomas.aacom.org/>)
 - Investigate:
 - As applicable, AAMC Curriculum Directory Web site (<http://services.aamc.org/currdir>) for information about medical school curricula and joint, dual, and combined-degree programs
 - Successfully complete second-semester required premedical course work and other degree requirements
 - Ensure that prehealth advisor receives course directors' evaluations

SUMMER 3

- Participate in a summer health careers program, if available
- Complete AMCAS application
- Take summer MCAT
- Attend summer school, if necessary
- Investigate:
 - AAMC Recommendations Concerning Medical School Acceptance Procedures for First-Year Entering Students* document (www.aamc.org/students/applying/policies)
 - Applicant Responsibilities* document (www.aamc.org/students/applying/policies)

COLLEGE YEAR 4

- **Fall semester**
 - Complete supplementary application materials for schools applied to
 - Consult regularly with prehealth advisor regarding:
 - Completion of school-specific requirements for advisor/committee evaluation
 - Status of application/admission process at medical schools applied to
 - Continue participation in volunteer/paid medically related activities
 - Interview at medical schools
 - Continue review of medical education options
 - Investigate:
 - Financial aid planning process with AAMC (MD)²: *Monetary Decisions for Medical Doctors* online program (www.aamc.org/md2)
 - Financial aid forms required by school of interest with the AAMC *Financial Aid Forms Required by Medical Schools* searchable database (http://services.aamc.org/msar_reports/)
 - Successfully complete first-semester elective science and non-science coursework and other degree requirements
 - Ensure that prehealth advisor receives course directors' evaluations
- **Spring semester**
 - Make interim and final decisions about medical school choice
 - Immediately notify medical schools that you will not be attending
 - Ensure that all IRS forms are submitted as early as possible
 - Successfully complete second-semester elective science and non-science coursework and other degree requirements
 - Graduate

SUMMER 4

- Prepare for medical school enrollment: purchase books and equipment and make appropriate living arrangements
- Relax and prepare for medical school
- Attend orientation programs and matriculate in to medical school