

**UCLA** David Geffen School of Medicine

# Application to MD

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# Agenda

1. Preparation to Apply
2. Application Consideration
3. DGSOM Medical Program Tracks



# Medical School

## Preparation to Apply



### When?

Start early and plan ahead.



### Where?

Do your homework on schools and options.



### How?

Submitting your strongest application.

# When?

## Planning Ahead



# Application Process

## Now - Preparation

Gather experience.  
Research schools.  
Prepare for your application.

## Fall – Institutional Application

After primary application review, complete institutional application if invited to do so.

## Oct.-Jun. - Admission

Receive offers of admission and waitlist offers. Respond to these offers.

Preparation

Admission

## May-Jun. - Apply

Work on AMCAS application and submit.

## Sept.-Jan. - Interview

Prepare for and complete interviews with schools sending you an invitation.

# Where?

Do your homework to determine where to apply.

- School/program mission
- Unique school features
- Location
- Likelihood of admission

AAMC

## Medical School Admission Requirements

Search Institutions

COVID-19-Related Updates in MSAR [Learn More.](#)

Showing 1 - 10 of 172

- Enter Institution Name -

Sort By: School A - Z

**Filters**

**Location**

- Country, State -

**Accepts Applicants**

Out-of-State/Province

U.S.

Canadian

International

**Albany Medical College**

Albany, NY | Private Institution | Urban Campus

<b>Combined Degrees</b>	<b>Also Accepts</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>First Year Class</b>	<b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b>
MD/PhD BS/MD MD/MPH MD/MBA	Out-of-state	11/01/2020	139	\$58,221 In-state \$58,221 Out-of-state

**Albert Einstein College of Medicine**

## Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)

Compare schools and admission requirements on MSAR to maximize your chances of acceptance.

- Average GPA
- Average MCAT
- Acceptance rates

# How?

## Academics



Ensure your academic qualifications meet requirements for admission.



Check course requirements for admission.



Ensure you have successfully completed classes in all core competencies.



GPA matters

## Requirements

Required Authors

Required number of letters

Committee letters

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## Relationships

Authors should know you very well

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## Significance

Letters should relate to significant activities/roles you describe in the application.

# Letters of Reference



Limited numbers of letters are permitted per application.

**Make yours count.**



# MCAT

## When to Take

# Early

Take the MCAT when you are well prepared, ideally before the mid-point of the application season.

## Retaking

# 511

Average score of medical school matriculants nationwide.  
Retake if measurable improvement is possible.

# Experience

## LEADERSHIP

Above and  
Beyond



Demonstrates your  
passions

Evidence that your  
contributions exceed  
the typical

Indicates recognition  
by others of the  
value you provide

## CLINICAL Experience



Familiarity with and  
experience in a  
medical/clinical  
setting or related

Work with patients

## SERVICE Community Service



Genuine passion and  
care for others

Rising to leadership  
in service

Making an impact

## RESEARCH Experience



Experience with  
research

Publications and  
presentations

Independent  
research

# Application Consideration

What happens once you click “Submit”?

# Primary Review

A full range of factors are considered in the initial application screening.



## Holistic Review Process

- Focus on the “whole” application
- No disproportionate focus on any one factor

## Secondary Review

Invitation to complete a secondary Institutional Application.

Mission-aligned consideration



# Interview

There are a variety of interview styles:

1

Traditional Interview  
Group Interviews

2

Multiple-Mini Interviews  
(MMIs)

3

PREview-Situational  
Judgement Test

# Decision Issuance



Final decisions are issued by the  
Admissions Committee

- Holistic review of each application
- Mission criteria are assessed
- Potential success factors are weighed

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Congratulations  
on your offer of  
admission!

**Admission is just  
the beginning ...**

# Your Track, Your Path



## Traditional MD Track

*UCLA MD*

Seeks students who will be future leaders, have distinguished careers in clinical practice, teaching, research and public service.

## PRIME-LA Track

*PRIME-Leadership & Advocacy*

A 5-year dual degree program focusing on the development of leaders in medicine who will improve health care delivery, research, and policy in underserved communities.

## UCLA/Drew Track

*UCLA/Charles R. Drew Medical Education Program MD*

Fosters the development of leaders who will advance medical practice and knowledge in underserved areas of the United States and abroad.

## MSTP Track

*Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP)*

Dedicated to educating and training exceptionally qualified individuals as MD-PhD students for careers in the biomedical and socio-medical sciences.



# Connect with us

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## Virtual Office Hours:

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