

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

2020 or Prior

In Advance

Gather experience and academic qualifications in the years before you apply.

May, 2022

Apply

Take MCAT.
Complete application.
Secure letters of recommendation and transcripts.

Fall, 2023

Enroll

Receive offers and select your school of choice.
Enroll to start medical school.

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.

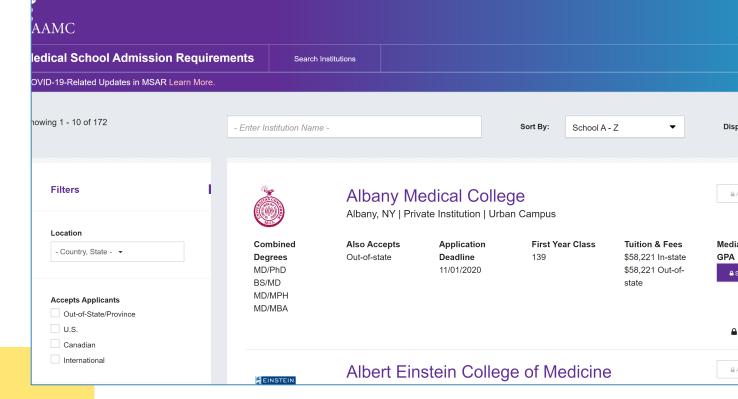
Sept.-Jan. - Interview

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



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

Relationships

Authors should know you very well

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 midpoint 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

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

Work with patients

SERVICE

Community Service

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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.



- 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:



Traditional Interview

Group Interviews



Multiple-Mini Interviews (MMIs)



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



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.

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.

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.

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.

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