

Timeline for Application/Admission to Medical School

Use this general guide to help prepare for the medical school application and admission process. Be sure to talk to your pre-health advisor to create a schedule that works best for you.

<p>COLLEGE YEAR 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk with an academic advisor about selecting fall semester courses. • Make an appointment with a pre-health advisor to introduce yourself, discuss the best way to sequence your classes and get acquainted with campus resources for pre-health students. • Attend pre-health meetings on campus and make sure you are on email lists to get relevant updates and information. • Seek opportunities to volunteer, shadow a doctor, and, if interested, identify research opportunities on your campus. • Develop relationships with faculty, advisors, and mentors on your campus. • Explore "The Basics" from the AAMC's Aspiring Docs program (www.aamc.org/students/aspiring/basics/). • Identify summer volunteer, paid, research and leadership opportunities related to medicine. • Apply to summer enrichment programs (http://services.aamc.org/summerprograms/) or research programs (www.aamc.org/members/great/61052/great_summerlinks.html). • Complete first year premedical coursework and other school-specific degree requirements. • Follow @AAMCPreMed on Facebook and Twitter.
<p>SUMMER FOLLOWING COLLEGE YEAR 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work or volunteer in a medical field; consider internships, research and leadership opportunities on campus. Keep a journal about your experiences to use later for essays and interviews. • Consider participating in summer enrichment or research programs. • Take summer courses through a university if desired or necessary.
<p>COLLEGE YEAR 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-in with your pre-health advising office; attend all pre-health meetings, and make sure you're still on email lists to receive information and updates. • Pursue meaningful clinical experience, medically-related activities, volunteer work, research and/or leadership roles • Continue to develop relationships with faculty, advisors, and mentors on your campus. • Apply for summer research, internship, or enrichment programs such as the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (www.smdep.org). • Consider returning to your previous summer position, or apply for a new summer volunteer, paid or research position related to medicine. • Complete second year premedical coursework and other school-specific degree requirements.
<p>SUMMER FOLLOWING COLLEGE YEAR 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work or volunteer in the medical field; consider internships, research opportunities and leadership positions on campus or in your local community. • Participate in summer enrichment, research, or internship programs. • Take summer courses through a university if desired or necessary. • Investigate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The medical school application process (www.aamc.org/students/applying/). ◦ Medical College Admission Test (MCAT®) (www.aamc.org/mcat). ◦ Fee Assistance Program (FAP) (www.aamc.org/fap).
<p>COLLEGE YEAR 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By this time, you should have a well-established relationship with a pre-health advisor and should be actively participating in pre-health activities. • Identify and pursue leadership opportunities within the pre-health organizations on your campus. • Consider which faculty, advisors and mentors on your campus, with whom you've developed relationships, you'll approach to write letters of recommendation for your applications. • Continue your participation in meaningful clinical experiences, other medically related activities, volunteer work, research and/or leadership roles on campus; if possible, consider taking on a more substantial role. • Investigate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Medical schools in the U.S. and Canada (https://services.aamc.org/30/lsar/home). ◦ <i>Minorities in Medicine</i> to get information on groups underrepresented in medicine. (www.aamc.org/students/minorities/). • Meet with your pre-health advisor to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Strategize about your application timeline, whether it be for immediately following graduation or after one or more gap years. ◦ Discuss your schedule for completing remaining premedical coursework and other school-specific degree requirements.

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Table 24: MCAT and GPA Grid for Applicants and Acceptees to U.S. Medical Schools, 2012-2014 (aggregated)



The table below displays the acceptance rates at different MCAT and GPA levels for applicants and accepted applicants from 2012 to 2014. The frequencies are combined totals of all three years. Please email us at datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

Acceptance Rate for Applicants, 2012-2014 (aggregated)		Total MCAT Scores										All Applicants
		5-14	15-17	18-20	21-23	24-26	27-29	30-32	33-35	36-38	39-45	
Total GPA												
3.80-4.00	Acceptees	3	4	57	317	1,363	4,232	7,110	6,298	3,688	1,385	24,457
	Applicants	80	162	524	1,526	3,554	6,978	9,361	7,504	4,176	1,519	35,384
	Acceptance rate %	3.8	2.5	10.9	20.8	38.4	60.6	76.0	83.9	88.3	91.2	69.1
3.60-3.79	Acceptees	.	8	83	371	1,332	3,725	5,997	4,513	1,782	435	18,246
	Applicants	177	367	1,024	2,332	4,866	8,284	9,359	5,973	2,235	514	35,131
	Acceptance rate %	.	2.2	8.1	15.9	27.4	45.0	64.1	75.6	79.7	84.6	51.9
3.40-3.59	Acceptees	1	13	67	314	1,010	2,307	3,600	2,382	819	176	10,689
	Applicants	336	553	1,278	2,607	4,691	7,151	7,455	3,854	1,176	234	29,335
	Acceptance rate %	0.3	2.4	5.2	12.0	21.5	32.3	48.3	61.8	69.6	75.2	36.4
3.20-3.39	Acceptees	.	5	41	249	604	1,012	1,453	889	316	74	4,643
	Applicants	370	561	1,168	2,262	3,344	4,369	4,106	1,902	547	113	18,742
	Acceptance rate %	.	0.9	3.5	11.0	18.1	23.2	35.4	46.7	57.8	65.5	24.8
3.00-3.19	Acceptees	.	2	25	123	373	455	530	313	112	21	1,954
	Applicants	388	553	928	1,578	2,218	2,361	1,851	808	233	40	10,958
	Acceptance rate %	.	0.4	2.7	7.8	16.8	19.3	28.6	38.7	48.1	52.5	17.8
2.80-2.99	Acceptees	.	4	19	54	132	158	179	85	22	7	660
	Applicants	368	386	626	908	1,069	998	746	310	86	24	5,521
	Acceptance rate %	.	1.0	3.0	5.9	12.3	15.8	24.0	27.4	25.6	29.2	12.0
2.60-2.79	Acceptees	.	1	12	24	47	57	59	33	15	3	251
	Applicants	274	284	355	486	512	388	276	117	47	10	2,749
	Acceptance rate %	.	0.4	3.4	4.9	9.2	14.7	21.4	28.2	31.9	30.0	9.1
2.40-2.59	Acceptees	.	.	2	8	19	22	18	6	3	1	79
	Applicants	196	151	179	240	221	152	109	37	17	2	1,304
	Acceptance rate %	.	.	1.1	3.3	8.6	14.5	16.5	16.2	17.6	50.0	6.1
2.20-2.39	Acceptees	.	.	.	.	7	8	6	1	.	.	22
	Applicants	132	77	94	91	88	68	39	14	5	3	611
	Acceptance rate %	.	.	.	.	8.0	11.8	15.4	7.1	.	.	3.6
2.00-2.19	Acceptees	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	4
	Applicants	53	40	42	28	30	14	11	2	.	.	220
	Acceptance rate %	.	.	.	.	.	14.3	18.2	.	.	.	1.8
1.47-1.99	Acceptees	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Applicants	42	9	10	12	8	6	3	.	.	.	90
	Acceptance rate %	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
All	Acceptees	4	37	306	1,460	4,887	11,978	18,954	14,520	6,757	2,102	61,005
	Applicants	2,416	3,143	6,228	12,070	20,601	30,769	33,316	20,521	8,522	2,459	140,045
	Acceptance rate %	0.2	1.2	4.9	12.1	23.7	38.9	56.9	70.8	79.3	85.5	43.6

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