

MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICATION CALENDAR

● Recommended ● Possible

Letters of Evaluation

- Ask for letters as early as possible (need at least 3)
- Letters should detail character traits and interpersonal skills
- Our office recommends using Interfolio to collect/submit

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MCAT

- Give yourself at least 3-5 months to prepare for the MCAT
- Take the MCAT no later than June of your application year
- It will take ~ 1-month to receive your score

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Primary Application

- AMCAS is the primary application for medical school
- Opens in May; can be submitted in early June
- Early submission is recommended

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Secondary Application

- Requested after AMCAS application has been reviewed
- Will ask questions specific to each medical school
- Should be completed within 2 weeks of receipt

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Interviews

- Follows review of secondary application and MCAT scores
- Be sure to schedule a Mock Interview for practice
- Research each program and know your application well

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Letters of Evaluation

- Your letter-writers should be people that know you well and can detail specific character traits (maturity level, reliability, leadership ability, etc.) and your interpersonal skills.
- You will usually need to submit a minimum of three letters of evaluation. Two should come from faculty members that you have taken science courses with and one should come from a non-science faculty member. We also strongly recommend submitting a letter from a physician with whom you have shadowed or volunteered. You may supplement these letters with one or two additional from other professors you may have worked closely with (for instance, as part of your double-major, minor, or certificate program), other physicians or healthcare professionals you have shadowed under, or supervisors from any jobs you have held while an undergraduate.
- We strongly encourage you to use Interfolio to collect and submit your letters of evaluation.
- *Always* waive your right to view your letters of evaluation.

MCAT

- The MCAT is offered several times each month between January – October and costs \$310.
- Most students take the MCAT in the Spring/Summer between their Junior and Senior year— with April, May, and June being the preferred months.
- The University Testing Center offers the exam in Athens, however, there are several testing sites across the state of Georgia, including Atlanta, Columbus, Macon, and Augusta.
- You may elect to self-study or take a guided MCAT-prep course (or both!) to prepare for the MCAT. What you decide is completely dependent on your own financial situation and confidence in your study skills. It is recommended to take multiple (at least 5-6) full-length practice exams.
- It is suggested that you take 12-13 hours during the semester you are studying for the MCAT.

Primary Application

- The American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) is the centralized application processing service used by prospective applicants to apply to participating U.S. medical schools.
- The AMCAS application opens in May and can be submitted beginning in the first week of June.
- You *can* submit your AMCAS before your letters of evaluation and MCAT score are received.

Secondary Application

- After your AMCAS application has been verified and reviewed, each of the medical schools you have applied to will send you a secondary application.
- Secondary applications consist of short-answer essay questions specific to each program.
- It is important to complete your secondary applications within two weeks of receiving them.

Interviews

- Interviews are granted only by invitation after the admissions committee has determined you to be academically qualified. The purpose of the interview is to determine what type of person you are and whether you have the qualities that the school is looking for in a medical student.
- Make sure to schedule a Mock Interview for practice with the Career Center or Honors College.
- Be prepared to explain why you're interested in medicine and what your goals are for the future.
- Have some familiarity with the medical school before the interview and a good reason for why you are interested in attending. You should have some idea of (and questions about) the opportunities for research or any innovative programs being implemented at that institution.
- Everything listed in your application is fair game. Therefore, it is important that you know it inside and out. An interviewer may ask about a specific volunteer or research experience and expect you to talk in detail about it.