



## *WSU School of Medicine Admissions*

### *Policy on Medical Student Selection and Requirements*

#### School of Medicine

***This policy is designed to address LCME Standard 10.1 and 10.3***

#### **Application process**

The Wayne State University School of Medicine evaluates candidates through a holistic admission process. In addition to fulfillment of all admission requirements, your entire record, including grade-point average, Medical College Admission Test scores, recommendations and interview results will be considered. The Admission Committee uses this process to evaluate your personality, maturity, character and suitability for a career in medicine.

#### **Admission requirements**

To be eligible for admission to the Wayne State University School of Medicine, you must have completed a bachelor's degree.

Specific coursework is required for admission. In unusual instances and at the discretion of the Admission Committee, you may be granted a waiver for certain course requirements, provided you have an exceptional academic record. Waivers must be requested in writing at the time of your application.

Regardless of your field of study, your premedical coursework must include:

- Two semesters of biology/zoology with labs
- Two semesters of college English
- Two semesters of general/inorganic chemistry with labs
- Two semesters of organic chemistry with labs
- Two semesters of physics with labs

The Admission Committee strongly recommends and will give consideration for the following courses:

- Biochemistry
- Statistics
- Medical ethics
- Mathematics
- Social science
- Upper-level biology

## Notes

- Advanced Placement courses will be accepted, but we recommend taking advanced level basic science courses at the college level to enhance your academic record.
- Online coursework will not be accepted to fulfill prerequisites.
- Community college coursework will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- As a state-supported school, the Wayne State University School of Medicine gives preference to Michigan residents, but out-of-state applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

## Additional requirements

### Medical College Admission Test

We recommend taking the Medical College Admission Test in the spring before you apply. We will consider scores on exams taken within the past three years. Each exam is evaluated separately. Scores from different exams will not be combined. You must take the MCAT no later than September of the year in which you plan to apply.

### International coursework

If your academic record includes courses taken outside the United States, you must have completed two years of coursework, including the prerequisite courses, at a U.S. or Canadian college.

### Letters of recommendation

We request letters of recommendation with your secondary application. A secondary application must include a statement from the pre-medical advisory committee at your college or university, or three letters of recommendation — with at least two from faculty members. One letter must have been written within the past 12 months.

If you are in a post-baccalaureate or graduate program, we strongly encourage you to submit at least one letter from your program. If you are applying to the M.D./Ph.D. program, at least one letter must be from a researcher. Letters of recommendation can be sent at any time through the [American Medical College Application Service](#). We will keep them on file until we review your primary application.

If your letters are being transmitted by your undergraduate advising office, they may be using [VirtualEvals](#). Once your letters are posted, they will be downloaded by [AMCAS](#) and made available to us.

## Interviews

Attendance at one of our Interview Days is required. All qualified applicants will be invited to attend an Interview Day after completion of the preliminary application, secondary application and review of letters of recommendation.

This information is published on the Admissions website:

<http://admissions.med.wayne.edu/application/index.php>