

College of Medicine

The OU College of Medicine four-year program consists of two years of basic sciences study and two years of clinical experiences exploring the various aspects of medical practice. In years one and two, students begin to hone their clinical skills and learn history and physical taking during early patient interactions. Clinical education is provided at two sites: 75 percent of the students select Oklahoma City with the health care delivery of an academic health center, and currently 25 percent select the community-based educational environment at the School of Community Medicine in Tulsa.

Our educational environment focuses on the development of the physician-patient relationship with attendant experiences for gaining scientific knowledge, problem-solving skills and defining professional value systems. Our degree program is based on six competencies (patient care, medical knowledge, evidence-based learning, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism and systems-based practice) forming a continuum with graduate medical education. Through the online Desire to Learn (D2L) and Medhub systems, students review lectures; listen to heart murmurs; watch dissections videos; test their knowledge via questions banks; observe a variety of animations of pathways and procedures; review class schedules; evaluate courses and sign up for electives. Summer research opportunities are available. Interdisciplinary areas in bioethics, palliative care, integrative medicine, arts and humanities and geriatrics are addressed. There is a growing opportunity for students to study abroad through our International Studies Program. The students are self-governed through a Medical Student Council and have 46 active student organizations and interest groups providing many opportunities for community service. Special opportunities in community service and outreach programs exist on our Oklahoma City campus and at the School of Community Medicine in Tulsa.

WHO CAN APPLY?

U.S. citizens or applicants holding a permanent visa who have a minimum of 90 semester hours may apply. Applications for admission are Web-based and processed through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS).

Eligible applicants to the College of Medicine are students with a grade-point average of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 system) and a Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) score of 21 or better. Interview requirements are based on the competitiveness of the current applicant pool. The average GPA and MCAT of those accepted are 3.7 and 30 respectively.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 90 college level semester hours to include verification of the following courses must be completed by matriculation:

- one semester of general zoology/biology, including laboratory
- two semesters each of general chemistry, organic chemistry and physics
- one semester of one of the following – genetics, cellular biology or molecular biology
- two semesters of English
- three semesters of any combination of psychology, sociology, philosophy or humanities
- In addition, it is recommended that applicants take the following courses: biochemistry and a writing-intensive English course.

A letter grade of C or better is required in prerequisite courses. Pass/Fail grading, advanced placement and CLEP courses are accepted if a subsequent higher course is taken for a grade.

Letters of evaluation – one letter from the Premedical Advisory Committee and one from a faculty member (an alternative is to provide three letters from faculty).

An application fee of \$65.00 (nonrefundable)

Completion of supplemental application

Completion of the MCAT

If you are enrolled in a graduate degree program, you must submit a letter from the program director or chair of the department stating you are in good standing and that they are supportive of your application.

Remember, you are requesting admission to a much respected profession and should present yourself professionally. Once you have achieved the academic standard, the interview is intended to evaluate more subjective criteria such as commitment, communication skills, leadership, altruism, ability to self-assess, interpersonal ability and sustained commitment to excellence.



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WHO IS SUCCESSFUL?

Our class has, on average, 165 students, is 40-45 percent women, 25-30 percent minorities and has representation of students from a wide range of ages and backgrounds. We believe our educational environment is enriched through a diverse student body. We accept students with undergraduate studies in arts, sciences and humanities. Students study and communicate with each other, their faculty and their governance structure through an intranet system.

To assure an informed decision on the part of an applicant, the more competitive applicants have health care experiences in either paid or volunteer positions. They are able to state their commitment to medicine and their reasons for pursuing the discipline.

The University of Oklahoma has a strong commitment to identify, recruit and educate individuals from all racial and ethnic origins. Applications are encouraged from all groups and from any candidate with a disadvantaged background.

The learning experience is formatted around a cohort model in which a class of 165 entering students progresses through the entire program together. Approximately 15-20 students in each entering class are out-of-state residents and the rest are Oklahoma residents.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

A candidate for the M.D. degree must have abilities and skills of five varieties; including observation, communication, and motor skills, as well as, conceptual, integrative and quantitative abilities and behavioral and social skills. Technological compensation can be made in certain areas, but a candidate should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner. The use of a trained intermediary means that a candidate's judgment must be mediated by someone else's power of selection and observation.

TIMETABLE

- Application one year in advance
- AMCAS deadline is Oct. 15
- Supplemental material deadline is Nov. 1
- Interviews conducted in fall/winter
- Final decisions are made through July

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MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TEST

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