



Med School Mogul



Welcome To Med School Mogul

Get The Inside Scoop On Applying To Medical School

Applying to medical school is an exciting (*and stressful*) time! The medical school application process is complex, time-sensitive, and highly competitive. Errors or delays in your application can have a very negative impact on your chances of acceptance. Therefore, it is essential to be prepared and organized throughout the application process.

Med School Mogul simplifies the medical school application process and allows you to easily stay organized throughout your application cycle. Med School Mogul includes insider tips, a range of invaluable resources, and interactive tools. If you would prefer to review this information in an online format, [Med School Mogul is also available as an online course](#).

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APPLICATION TIMELINE

The medical school application timeline can vary depending on the specific school and program, but generally, the process begins in the summer before the year in which you plan to matriculate. Here is an overview of a typical timeline:

- June to September: Research medical schools, take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and begin preparing application materials such as transcripts, test scores, and personal statement.
- September to October: Submit primary application.
- October to December: Receive secondary application from schools and submit additional materials such as letters of recommendation, essays and transcripts.
- December to February: Interviews are held at various medical schools.
- March to April: Receive acceptance, waitlist, or rejection letters from medical schools.
- May: Submit a deposit to the medical school of your choice to secure your spot, and withdraw applications from other schools.

It's worth noting that the above timeline is not universally applicable. Some Medical schools have different application timelines and requirements. It is, therefore, essential to check the specific details of the school you are interested in.

The chart on the following page gives you an idea of the timeline for the major events in the application cycle:



Helpful Hint: *Apply Early*

Most medical schools have rolling admissions. This means that your odds of being accepted are highest at the beginning of the application cycle.

Medical School Application Timeline

YEAR	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
2 Years Before Start	Prepare for MCAT											
						Take MCAT						
										Primary App		
1 Year Before Start												
			Secondary Apps									
			Interviews									

PREREQUISITES

Prerequisites for medical school vary by institution, but generally, most medical schools in the United States require applicants to complete certain undergraduate coursework before applying. The following are common prerequisites for medical school:

- **Biology:** Medical schools typically require at least one year of general biology and one year of advanced biology, such as genetics or microbiology.
- **Chemistry:** Most medical schools require at least one year of general chemistry and one year of organic chemistry.
- **Physics:** Medical schools usually require one year of physics, although some may accept two semesters of physics along with a semester of a related field such as engineering.
- **English:** Medical schools require at least one year of English or other writing-intensive coursework.
- **Mathematics:** Some medical schools may require a semester of college-level math or statistics.

It's important to note that some medical schools may have other prerequisite requirements. For example, some schools want to see that applicants have research experience. In addition, some medical schools may accept AP or IB credit to fulfill prerequisites. Therefore, it is essential to check the specific requirements of the medical schools you are interested in applying to.

BE PREPARED

Know The Requirements

In order for medical schools to seriously consider you as an applicant, you need to complete certain coursework, amass volunteer and clinical experience, and sit for the MCAT. Some schools may differ slightly on specific prerequisite courses, therefore it is always a good idea to double-check the requirements at any school you apply to.

FREE RESOURCE

Prerequisite Checklist

We have developed an interactive checklist that will help to ensure that you have completed all the coursework and activities that medical schools expect. [Download your copy here:](#)

SCHOOL PLANNING

When choosing medical schools to apply to, there are several factors to consider:

First, research the schools' curriculum and see if it aligns with your interests and career goals.

Second, consider the location of the school. Will it be a good fit for you in terms of cost of living, weather, and proximity to family and friends?

Third, research the school's reputation and selectivity. Some medical schools have a higher acceptance rate than others, and some may have a stronger reputation in certain specialties.

Fourth, consider the school's resources and facilities, including research opportunities, clinical training, and patient population.

Ultimately, the most important thing is to apply to several schools that align with your interests and goals, and that fit well with your personal, academic, and financial situation.

SCHOOL SELECTION

Choose Wisely!

A key determinant of your success in the application cycle is how well you select which schools to apply to. You should plan to select 8-10 schools where your GPA and MCAT score are close to the mean of their current

students (see table below). In addition, you may wish to add 2-3 “safety schools” where your stats exceed the mean of their student body. Similarly, it is acceptable to add a few “reach schools”- places that you would absolutely love to attend, but your scores are below their mean.

FREE RESOURCE

Medical School Database

Easily find medical schools by mean GPA and MCAT score of accepted students. [Visit Medical School Database here](#)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation are an important component of the medical school application process because they provide a third-party perspective on your qualifications, skills, and motivations for pursuing a career in medicine. The admissions committee uses letters of recommendation to gain a deeper understanding of who you are and what you can bring to their program.

First Steps

Selecting Letter Writers

When selecting individuals to write a letter of recommendation for medical school, it's important to consider several factors:

- **Relevance:** It's best to choose recommenders who have direct experience with your academic or clinical skills and can speak to your qualifications for medical school. For example, a former professor who taught a course related to medicine or a physician you have shadowed would be a good choice.
- **Relationship:** The admissions committee is interested in getting to know you through the eyes of others, so choose individuals who know you well and can provide specific examples and anecdotes that showcase your strengths and abilities.
- **Reputation:** Consider selecting recommenders who have a good reputation in their field and are respected by the admissions committee. For example, a well-known physician or researcher in your field of interest would carry significant weight.

- **Availability:** Choose recommenders who have the time and willingness to write a thoughtful, detailed letter on your behalf. Be considerate of your letter writer's time when requesting a letter. It is best to give them at least 4-6 weeks' notice.

Overall, it's important to choose individuals who can speak to your strengths, qualifications, and motivations for pursuing a career in medicine. This will help to make a positive impression on the admissions committee and increase your chances of being accepted into medical school.

FREE RESOURCE

Letter Request Template

Not sure how to request a letter of recommendation? [Use our customizable email template](#)

WORK AND ACTIVITIES

The 'Work and Activities' section of the AMCAS primary application is an opportunity to give schools an idea of what makes you special. It allows you to show schools the day-to-day activities that have prepared you for medical school. AMCAS gives you the opportunity to select up to 15 experiences to discuss in this section. Of those experiences, you will be able to designate three 'most meaningful experiences'.

APPLICATION TIPS

Selecting Your Experiences

Here are some tips and best practices for completing the 'Work and Activities Section' of your medical school application:

- Highlight leadership and teamwork skills: Emphasize experiences where you have demonstrated leadership and teamwork, especially in healthcare-related activities.
- Focus on quality, not quantity: Rather than listing a large number of activities, choose a few that are meaningful and highlight your achievements and impact.
- Use specific and concrete examples: Rather than making general statements about your experiences, use specific details to illustrate your skills and achievements.
- Show growth and self-reflection: Demonstrate how you have grown and learned from your experiences, and show that you have reflected on your strengths and weaknesses as a future healthcare provider.
- Be concise and avoid repetition: Avoid rehashing information from other parts of the application and keep your answers short and to the point.
- Proofread for grammar and spelling errors: A well-written, error-free section shows attention to detail and professionalism.

FREE RESOURCE

Experiences Log & Organizer

Our Activities Log allows you to organize your activities and select which experiences to include in your application. [Download now](#)



Helpful Hint: Keep track of your activities.

Keep a log of the dates/times/locations of your clinical experiences. It is especially helpful to keep brief notes about each patient you work with also. (This will allow you to more easily reference patient encounters in your personal statement and during interviews.) [The Clinical Experience Journal](#) is a great tool to keep track of your activities.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Your personal statement is a vital part of your medical school application. If done correctly, it can greatly enhance your odds of being accepted. Conversely, a poorly executed personal statement can significantly weaken your chances in the application cycle.

BRAINSTORMING

Planning Your Essay

The typical personal statement contains three major sections:

- Opening
- Body
- Conclusion

Keep in mind that using concrete examples and anecdotes will make your essay more compelling.

STAYING ORGANIZED

The application cycle is a fast-paced and busy time. Therefore, it is important to stay organized. Being organized allows you to keep track of important deadlines, submit all required materials in a timely manner, and ensure that you have completed all necessary steps in the application process.

Additionally, it can help to reduce stress and anxiety by allowing you to stay on top of everything that needs to be done. Furthermore, it can help you to be more focused and efficient in your preparations for the application and interview process, and can also help you to be more competitive as an applicant by highlighting your achievements and qualifications in a clear and organized manner. The following tools will help you keep track of your applications and have a less stressful, more efficient application experience.

FREE RESOURCE

Primary App Checklist

Completing the primary application will require many steps. Some of the tasks you will need to complete may take some time. For example, it can take two to four weeks for AMCAS to process transcripts once your school has transmitted them. Therefore, it is a good idea to begin working on your primary application as early as possible. Our primary application checklist will help you ensure that all the parts of your primary application are completed in a timely manner.

[Download Primary Application Checklist Here](#)

FREE RESOURCE

AppTracker Spreadsheet

Application season is hectic! Once you have made it past the primary application, things will get even busier. Our free AppTracker system will allow you to easily keep track of your status at each school.

[Download Here](#)

Here are some additional tools and resources that may be helpful during your application cycle:

[AMCAS Primary Application](#) (MD Schools)

[AACOMAS Primary Application](#) (DO Schools)

[TMDSAS Application](#) (Texas schools)

[AAMC Fee Assistance Program](#)

[MCAT: Register or Check Scores](#)

[Interfolio:](#) (Service to request and collect letters of recommendation)

[Code Blue Essays:](#) Personal Statement, Secondary Application, and Interview Services

At Code Blue Essays, we understand the issues you are facing- *because we have been there too!* All our editors are physicians who have a deep personal and professional understanding of the medical school application process. When you choose to work with Code Blue Essays, you can be certain that you will be presenting your best self to medical schools.

OUR SERVICES

Personal Statement Writing Instruction

Code Blue Essays will guide you through the entire medical school application process. The first thing you will want to focus on is your personal statement. If you write a strong personal statement, you will dramatically improve your chances of being invited for an interview. However, if you are like most medical school applicants, you are not quite sure how to get started on your essay. Perhaps you don't know what to write about or are unsure about the format. Our [online class](#) is the perfect solution. Best of all, the unique, gamified format doesn't even feel like work!

Personal Statement Editing

If you feel comfortable writing your personal statement on your own, we also offer [personal statement editing services](#). Once you have completed your essay, our professional editors will ensure that your personal statement meets the exacting standards of the most exacting admissions officer. Every essay is subjected to our exclusive four step system:

The Code Blue Essays 4 -Step System



Step 1

First, our editors will carefully examine your medical school personal statement for any technical errors. We will correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors during this initial step



Step 2

Next, we evaluate for impact and effectiveness. Our editors will adjust the wording and provide suggestions to strengthen the essay and improve the quality of writing.



Step 3

During this phase, our editors will evaluate and improve the flow of the essay. We will make sure every part of the essay transitions smoothly and is pleasant to read.



Step 4

Your professional editor comprehensively reviews the personal statement to evaluate the impact of the essay. They will make adjustments to make it more compelling and give you the best chance at medical school admission.

Secondary Application Editing

Code Blue Essays specializes in perfecting medical school secondary applications. During the secondary application process, schools will send prospective students prompts for short essays, and they use these secondary applications to determine which applicants to offer interviews. Secondary application essays are very important for the medical school process. They can also be a source of significant stress for applicants. However, you can relax when you select Code Blue Essays for your editing needs. Our editors are physicians too—they understand what it takes to succeed in the medical school admissions process and will share that knowledge with you. Let us help you get accepted into your top-choice school!

Interview Preparation

If you are fortunate enough to be invited for a medical school interview, your odds of admission increase dramatically. At this stage, whether or not you are offered a spot in the incoming class rests largely on how well you perform during your interview. Put another way, *it is really, really important to do well on your interview!*

Giving a great interview is a skill that can be developed through practice. Code Blue Essays offers the ideal interview program for future medical students. Our flexible online interview practice modules will allow you to simulate a virtual interview and answer real medical school interview questions whenever and wherever you want. Best of all, you can review your responses with a physician-mentor for advice on how to improve. Your career is too important to leave to chance, let Code Blue Essays help you reach your goals.

FINAL NOTES

Academic achievement is no longer sufficient to guarantee that you will get into medical school. While grades and test scores are certainly important, you will need a great application strategy in order to beat the odds. [Code Blue Essays](#) provides services to help you optimize your medical school application, including:

- Essay Editing
- Personal Statement Editing
- AMCAS Application Review
- Medical School Interview Coaching
- eBooks, webinars, educational blogs, and more