

F or the Medical School Applicant

Certain personal attributes are of fundamental importance to the individual who desires to enter the medical profession. These include curiosity, compassion, integrity, stamina, dedication to human service and a sustained ability to learn. Beyond these are the cognitive needs and requirements of an adequate intellectual capacity. A physician is expected to have a large fund of information in the disciplines of medical science in order to fulfill the basic expectations of his/her patients. Thus, the student of medicine must have the ability to absorb, integrate and use a large body of knowledge. Physicians likewise must understand the role of socio cultural and environmental events in illness and the impact of sickness on the family and community. Premedical education contributes significantly to an understanding of the interaction of these factors.

It is therefore valuable to have as broad an education as possible to prepare for the intensified study of human biology encountered in medical school. A minimum of three years (90 semester hours) of college work is required to provide this and four years leading to a baccalaureate degree are strongly recommended. If only three years of work are presented at application, at least 18 semester hours must be in courses of junior or senior standing. However, it should be noted that it is rare for an applicant to medical school to matriculate without a baccalaureate degree.

Applicants with “premedical” majors will have no particular advantage over applicants majoring in other fields. The value of a broad cultural background for each student cannot be overemphasized. Some of the paramount goals of the premedical experience should be mastery of the art of study and the intellectual maturity to understand, utilize and synthesize facts into concepts.

Pre-matriculation Requirements

Accepted applicants must have successfully completed the following courses prior to matriculation to the College of Medicine.

Pre-matriculation Course Requirements:

2 semesters of Biology	2 semesters of Physics
3 semesters of Chemistry (to include Organic Chemistry with lab, and Biochemistry)	2 semesters of English
1 semester of Genetics*	1 semester of Statistics
	2 semesters of Social Sciences **

* The required semester of Genetics is a minimum of a 3.0 hour semester course or its equivalent. In order to meet this requirement, the course must be a course in General Genetics. More narrowly defined genetic classes such as molecular genetics are not of sufficient breadth to cover the intent of this requirement. A General Genetics course should include – but not be limited to – the following: Mendelian inheritance, chromosome structure and function, meiosis and mitosis, linkage and gene mapping, molecular structure and organization of genes, DNA replication, transcription, translation, basic population and quantitative genetics (including Hardy-Weinberg).

**Psychology and Sociology are strongly *recommended*–but courses listed in the AMCAS Course Classification Guide for Behavioral Sciences (Anthropology, Economics, Family Studies, Psychology, Sociology), and Philosophy and Religion (Ethics, Logic, Philosophy, Religion and Theology) are acceptable.

Advanced Placement credit may be used to satisfy pre-matriculation course requirements listed above, provided the AP credit is accepted by your university/college and posted on your transcript. One AP credit will be the equivalent of one semester of coursework. However, the Admissions Committee strongly encourages those using AP credit to satisfy the pre-matriculation requirements to pursue the opportunity to take more advanced level courses leading to the baccalaureate degree. The Admissions Committee looks favorably on the advanced level courses an applicant successfully completes during his/her undergraduate training. CLEP, exempt, or correspondence courses cannot be used to satisfy the pre-matriculation requirements.

The College of Medicine will accept online courses to meet our pre-matriculation requirements, with the exception of Organic Chemistry lab, provided the course is accepted and given credit/letter grade on the applicant's academic transcript from an accredited university.

In addition to the specific pre-matriculation courses required for admission, the College of Medicine faculty believes the following courses would be beneficial and are therefore strongly recommended: **BIOLOGY:** Embryology, Histology, Cellular and Molecular Biology. **PHYSICS** and **MATH:** Computer Science. **BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE:** Sociology, Physical or Cultural Anthropology, Human Ecology, General and Special Psychology. **HUMANITIES:** Facility in understanding written and spoken English is fundamental to precise communication. This is valuable to the student not only in classroom activities, but also in dealing with individuals as patients and colleagues. Courses in Composition and other communication skills, including Speech, are excellent. A background in foreign languages is helpful to the prospective physician who will encounter an ethnically and culturally diverse population. Studies in World Literature and World History are desirable to enhance the student's understanding and appreciation of human heritage, societal forms, values past and present and the intrinsic merits of scholarship and lifelong learning. A course in Logic will be advantageous in understanding the approach to sound reasoning and systematic thought in the solution of problems.

Arkansas Resident Status for Initial Classification

For the 2016-17 academic year, the class size is 174. Preference is given to Arkansas residents. State law permits the Admissions Committee to accept a limited number of non-Arkansas resident applicants. Preference is given to non-Arkansas residents demonstrating strong ties to the state of Arkansas. Non-Arkansas resident applicants with less than 3.5/4.0 grade point average and MCAT scores below the national average are rarely considered. Individuals with strong ties must communicate this information to the Office of Student Admissions by November 15.

All applicants who submit the AMCAS application will be sent instructions on how to complete the College of Medicine Supplemental Application. Applicants who indicate on the AMCAS application that their legal state of residence is Arkansas will be sent an "Arkansas Resident Status for Initial Classification" form. Arkansas applicants must submit the form to the office of Medical Student Admissions. The Office of Admissions will verify the applicant's residency status and congressional district. Applicants are forewarned that the falsification of one's application with regard to either Arkansas residency or congressional district is a serious matter and will be closely scrutinized by the Admissions Committee.

Arkansas Resident Status Determination— Initial Classification

Deadline: November 30 of the admissions cycle

Applicants who designate a state other than Arkansas as their legal state of residence on the AMCAS:

1. If an applicant to the University of Arkansas College of Medicine designates a state other than Arkansas as his/her legal state of residence on the AMCAS application, the applicant will be considered a non-Arkansas resident throughout the entire admissions cycle.
2. If an applicant wishes to change his/her legal state of residence designation on the AMCAS application, he/she must do so by the established deadline of midnight, November 30. No changes can be made after November 30 of the admissions cycle. The legal state of residence designated by the applicant on the AMCAS application as of December 1 will be used for the entire admissions cycle. No exceptions.
3. A non-Arkansas resident accepted for admission to the University of Arkansas College of Medicine will pay out-of-state tuition for the freshman year of medical school. A non-Arkansas resident enrolled in the College of Medicine for one year may petition to have his/her residency status re-classified for subsequent years of enrollment in the College of Medicine. The student should refer to the UAMS Standards and Processes for determining student residency status for tuition purposes at healthprofessions.uams.edu/files/2013/11/policy-3.400.
4. A non-Arkansas resident accepted for admission to the College of Medicine may apply and be considered for a limited number of out-of-state tuition waivers, i.e., including the Academic Waiver; Diversity Waiver; Bowie County, Texas Border County Waiver; Native American Waiver; US Military Personnel Stationed in Arkansas Waiver, and UA Board Policy 520.6 for children, spouse of University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences employees..

Applicants who designate Arkansas as their legal state of residence on the AMCAS application:

1. If an applicant to the University of Arkansas College of Medicine designates “Arkansas” as his/her legal state of residence on the AMCAS application, the Medical Student Admissions Office will send an “Arkansas Resident Status for Initial Classification Form” to the applicant. The applicant must complete and submit the form along with the College of Medicine Supplemental Application within two weeks of receipt but by no later than November 15.
2. The “Arkansas Resident Status for Initial Classification Form” will assist the Medical Student Admissions Office with
 - a) confirming the applicant is a bona fide resident of the state of Arkansas, and
 - b) determining the applicant’s federal Congressional District.

Permanent Residents

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a Permanent Resident of the U.S. at the time of application. Permanent residents must provide the Office of Admissions with the required documentation prior to being granted a faculty interview, i.e., I-551 card. The Admissions Committee will not review an applicant’s file until the Office of Admissions verifies the applicant’s Permanent Residency status. Contact the Office of Admissions regarding the specific criteria required by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and UAMS to determine Permanent Residency status.

Application Procedures

AMCAS APPLICATION: The College of Medicine at UAMS requires applicants to submit the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). AMCAS is a non-profit centralized application service operated by and as a part of the AAMC. Approximately 141 US medical schools participate in this centralized application service. All applicants must apply online at the Association of American Medical College’s website, www.aamc.org. Applicants may begin to certify and submit their AMCAS application beginning in early June. The deadline for submitting your AMCAS application to AMCAS is November 1. However, we strongly recommend that all applicants, particularly non-Arkansas residents, submit their AMCAS application by September 30.

MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TEST (MCAT): The MCAT is required of all applicants and must have been taken no earlier than three years prior to the year of application, i.e., applicants applying for the 2017 freshman class must have taken the MCAT after January 1, 2014. It is the responsibility of the applicant to register and take the exam. AMCAS will forward the applicant’s MCAT scores to the College of Medicine. Applicants must register for the MCAT electronically through the AAMC’s web site at www.aamc.org/mcat. The MCAT test dates and testing center locations for the calendar year are posted on the AAMC website.

In April 2015, the AAMC retired the MCAT that had been administered since 1991 and replaced it with the new 2015 MCAT. For the UAMS College of Medicine, MCAT exams are valid for three years. Therefore all MCATs — both the old and new — taken after January 1, 2014 are valid for the 2017 admissions cycle. The four sections on the new MCAT include: Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems, Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems, Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills, and the new section, Psychological, Social and Biological Foundations of Behavior.

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS: You must submit an official transcript to AMCAS from each college of registration in the United States and Canada. AMCAS is responsible for ensuring that the application materials are complete and correct by verifying information on your application against the official transcripts. You should contact your registrar’s office(s) and obtain a personal copy of your transcript(s). You should resolve any questions about your transcript with the appropriate registrar before you submit the AMCAS application. You will need your transcripts when you complete the academic record in your AMCAS application. After any problems with your transcripts have been resolved, have the registrar forward an official copy to AMCAS. All official transcripts must be received at AMCAS by our deadline of November 15. AMCAS will verify the official transcript grades, as well as the MCAT scores, and forward their report to the College of Medicine.

If you are accepted for admission to the College of Medicine, you must contact the appropriate registrars and request official academic transcripts, complete with degree(s) conferred, be forwarded to the Office of Admissions. All transcripts must be received in the

Office of Admissions by June 30. Any applicant who fails to meet all pre-matriculation requirements will not be allowed to register and his/her position in the freshman class will be given to the next highest-ranking applicant on the Alternate List.

UAMS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION: Upon notification from AMCAS that you have applied, we will send you instructions to complete a UAMS College of Medicine Supplemental Application that provides an itemized list of other steps you must follow to complete your medical school application. A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 must accompany your Supplemental Application to the College of Medicine. Applicants pre-approved for the AMCAS fee assistance program are eligible for a 50 percent discount of the Supplemental Application fee. The Supplemental Application includes a section for self-reporting felony or misdemeanor convictions, actions by a college, university, or professional school for unacceptable academic performance or a violation of an Institutional Code of Conduct, disciplinary action by a licensing agency, authority or board, etc. A criminal background check will be conducted on all applicants accepted for admission and Alternates placed on the Alternate List.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK: All conditionally accepted applicants must consent to, submit to, and successfully complete a criminal background check through the AMCAS-facilitated criminal background check vendor as a condition of matriculation to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine. Failure to do so will constitute failure to meet the pre-matriculation requirements established by the College of Medicine and will result in the withdrawal of a conditionally accepted offer. Matriculation and continued enrollment in the College of Medicine is contingent upon a completed criminal background check with acceptable results. Failure to consent to a criminal background check; refusal to provide necessary information to conduct a criminal background check; failure to provide additional information wherein an investigation is warranted; and failure to comply with the investigatory procedures when a cause for further review is warranted due to 1) the discovery of previously undisclosed information; 2) the discovery of more egregious information than was previously disclosed; or 3) the discovery of conflicting information between or among the AMCAS application and/or Supplemental Application and/or Criminal Background Check Report and/or any and all documents considered part of the applicant's application, will result in disciplinary action up to, and including, withdrawal of a conditional offer of acceptance, refusal of admission, or dismissal from the College of Medicine.

PREMEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSITE EVALUATION: (Mandatory) If it has been two years or less since you last attended or graduated from a college, you must request a letter of evaluation from the school's Premedical Advisory Committee. It is your responsibility to investigate and determine if your school has a Premedical Advisory Committee. You must meet all established deadlines of that committee for requesting a letter. The College of Medicine participates in the AMCAS Letters Service and all letters of recommendation must be submitted through the AMCAS Letters Service. Applicants who fail to satisfy this pre-matriculation requirement will not be allowed to proceed with their application. Therefore, their application will be rejected. If it has been over two years since you last attended or graduated from a college, you have the option to either request a letter of evaluation from the Premedical Advisory Committee or to ask three individual faculty members to submit letters of evaluation. If your school does not have a Premedical Advisory Committee, you must ask three individual faculty members familiar with your classroom performance to submit letters of evaluation.

PERSONAL LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: (Optional) In addition, you may include up to three personal letters of recommendation in your file, letters that attest to your performance outside the classroom, i.e., motivation, integrity, leadership abilities, work ethic, professionalism, volunteerism, etc., from individuals who know you well, preferably over an extended period of time. The College of Medicine participates in the AMCAS Letters Service. Therefore, personal letters of recommendation should be sent to AMCAS through the AMCAS Letters Service by November 15.

GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAM: If currently enrolled in, or accepted to, a Graduate or Professional Degree Program, your program director or major advisor must submit a letter granting permission to review your application for medical school. The letter must indicate the projected date of completion for all degree requirements. Without this letter, the Admissions Committee will not review your file. A letter of recommendation from your Program Director/Major Advisor will be considered by the College as constituting such a letter. If you are accepted to the college under the conditions noted above and then do not complete the Graduate and/or Professional Degree program, the College of Medicine Admissions Committee will review the circumstances. The Admissions Committee most likely will rescind the offer of acceptance. If an applicant who applies to medical school during the first year of a two-year graduate degree program is offered an acceptance, he/she will be required to defer admission to medical school for one year, complete the two-year graduate degree program, and then enter medical school following the completion of the graduate degree.

FACULTY INTERVIEWS: Each Arkansas resident applicant, who is a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the U.S., is personally interviewed by members of the College of Medicine faculty. The interview gives applicants an opportunity to relate facts about themselves that cannot be conveyed by the AMCAS application form and to visit and ask questions about the College of Medicine. The College of Medicine conducts team interviews (two faculty members will interview the applicant at the same time – with some teams including a third interviewer, a senior medical student) on designated admissions interview days (Saturday mornings during the fall). Our interviews are “blind,” meaning the interviewers do not have access to your records—they will not know your MCAT or GPA, etc. Applicants should plan to spend approximately four hours on campus for their admissions interview. The interview morning will include an orientation session with the Dean and a campus tour led by medical students. It is the responsibility of each Arkansas resident applicant to contact the Office of Admissions to schedule a faculty interview. An applicant who indicates on the AMCAS application that he/she is not an Arkansas resident, but advocates strong ties to Arkansas, must submit a letter by November 15 describing in detail strong ties to the state. It is strongly suggested that non-Arkansas residents submit their AMCAS application to AMCAS well in advance of the November 1 deadline, i.e., September 30. The College of Medicine supplemental application, along with the application fee, should be submitted to the Office of Admissions within two weeks following receipt, but by no later than November 15. With regard to the interview of non-Arkansas residents, the Admissions Committee will determine at its December meeting which non-Arkansas residents will be extended an invitation to come to UAMS for faculty interviews. Email notification will be sent by December 20 to let non-Arkansas residents know if they will be invited for an interview in early January. ***It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his/her application is complete by the established deadlines.***

NON-DISCRIMINATION: Technical standards for admission are described at the end of this section. Applications are evaluated on the basis of academic qualifications, special achievements and personal attributes only, without preference to race, color, creed, sex, ethnic background, handicap or economic situation. Members of under-represented minority groups are encouraged to apply and such applications will be given consideration equal to all other applicants. Once accepted, all students are eligible to apply for financial assistance and may be awarded financial aid on the basis of financial need and/or merit within the resources available to the College of Medicine for that purpose.

Admissions Committee Review and Action

Arkansas Code 6-64-405 states the College of Medicine Admissions Committee shall be composed of fifteen (15) members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas...Act 515 of 2013 modified the makeup of the Admissions Committee from the four congressional districts and allows for the majority of the Committee to be faculty. Eight of the members, at least four of whom shall have faculty appointments in the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, shall be appointed from each of the four congressional districts and shall be apportioned on the basis of two members from each congressional district. One member will be designated at large. The Board shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations necessary to the fair and competitive selection of freshmen medical students with due consideration being given scholastic standings, recommendations of the premedical advisory committees of the various schools where the applicants pursue their premedical studies, their performance on the Medical College Admissions Test, and any other procedures that can be developed that would deal fairly with the applicant group as a whole.

The minimum number of Admissions Committee members necessary to constitute a quorum is eight (8) of the total fifteen (15) members. Faculty members must constitute the majority of voting members at all meetings. The Admissions Committee meets one day in both December and January and for a week in early February. At both the December and January meetings, the Committee reviews a limited number of Arkansas resident applicants for possible early acceptance. At the December meeting, the Committee also screens all non-Arkansas resident applicants to determine who will be invited to come to UAMS in January for faculty interviews and be considered in February for possible admission. The primary work of the Committee is conducted at its week-long “retreat” in early February. Following the individual review of all applications by each of the fifteen committee members, the committee meets with the Dean to finalize the Acceptance List, the Alternate List, and determines the maximum number of non-Arkansas residents who may be admitted. With the exception of the small number of applicants who are offered early acceptances in December and January, letters are mailed to all applicants around February 20 advising them as to whether or not they have been accepted for admission, placed on the Alternate List, or not accepted for admission. As necessary, the Admissions Committee may subsequently meet to review applicants who failed to meet the pre-matriculation requirements. Based on a case-by-case review by the Committee, the offer of acceptance may be rescinded or the applicant may be required to defer for one year to complete all pre-matriculation requirements.

The final authority for selecting the entering freshman class rests with the College of Medicine Admissions Committee. All information, both objective and subjective, is reviewed by the Admissions Committee in determining the relative strength of an applicant's qualifications. The number of places in the first year class is limited and the committee is responsible for selecting, on a competitive basis from the total applicant group, those individuals best qualified.

Arkansas law mandates the College of Medicine admit at least 150 students to the entering freshman class. Preference is given to Arkansas residents. Seventy percent (70%) of the first 150 enrollment positions must be equally distributed among the four federal Congressional Districts. The remaining 30% of the first 150 enrollment positions may be from any Congressional District or up to 15% of the first 150 allotted positions may be non-Arkansas residents. Preference is given to non-Arkansas residents who have "strong ties" to Arkansas. Any enrollment positions exceeding 150 may be granted to the best qualified applicants, regardless of Arkansas residency or congressional district. The College of Medicine may increase the number of freshman enrollment positions as deemed necessary to address a projected shortage of practicing physicians in the state. The number of allotted positions in the freshman class is 174.

After acceptance, an applicant is expected to complete his/her proposed educational program, maintain the same level of scholarship and continue to demonstrate the high moral standards required for entrance to the College of Medicine. The application folder will be kept current. In the event a college degree will be awarded prior to matriculation in medical school all accepted applicants must provide a transcript verifying that requirements have been met and that the degree has been or will be awarded. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities from which degrees have been received and/or from which college credit has been received after the application is filed at AMCAS must be received prior to matriculation, i.e., June 30. All conditionally accepted applicants, and alternates placed on the Alternate List, must consent to, submit to, and successfully complete a criminal background check through the AMCAS-facilitated criminal background check vendor as a condition of matriculation. Failure to do so will constitute failure to meet the pre-matriculation requirements established by the College of Medicine and will result in the withdrawal of a conditionally accepted offer. Matriculation and continued enrollment in the College of Medicine is contingent upon a completed criminal background check with acceptable results.

When an applicant is accepted by the Admissions Committee into the College of Medicine, the Admissions Committee makes the decision to accept the applicant based on the applicant's file at the time of consideration. If an applicant's circumstances change from what could have been reasonably expected from the application file, i.e., fails or withdraws from a course, has a failing grade, drops out of a program, fails to obtain a degree or a major or minor, that they indicated they would receive, or in general does not sustain the level of academic achievement upon which the Admissions Committee made their initial decision, then the facts of the application are no longer valid and the acceptance will be reviewed and possibly withdrawn.

In addition to those applicants approved for the incoming class, a group of additional applicants will be designated as alternates. Alternates may be promoted to full acceptance status should there be subsequent withdrawal of any of the students from the class previously selected. Legislation designed to increase the number of physicians in rural Arkansas gives preference to Alternates who contract to practice medicine in rural underserved communities in Arkansas. Applicants must be Arkansas residents to participate in the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Program. Please refer to the section on Student Financial Aid "Service-Connected Scholarships" for additional information.

Option to Defer Admission

ARKANSAS RESIDENTS: Any Arkansas resident applicant who is offered a position in the freshman medical class can enter the next class as customary, or can elect to defer the start of medical studies for one year, knowing that a position is guaranteed in the next subsequent class. Notification to the Dean's Office should be given as soon as the student has reached a decision to defer admission. However, notice must be received no later than May 15 in the year for which the applicant has been accepted for admission. Applicants offered positions in the freshman class after May 15 must provide notice of their intent to defer **no later than July 15**.

Request to extend deferment for an additional year: If an applicant who is approved for a one-year deferment has a compelling reason to request an additional one-year deferment, the applicant must submit a detailed letter to the Office of Admissions by January 15 asking the Admissions Committee to consider his/her request. The Admissions Committee will review the request at its February meeting and will notify the applicant by February 20 if the request to extend the deferment will or will not be approved. A deferment extension will only be granted for compelling reasons. If the Admissions Committee denies the applicant's request to extend the deferment for an additional year, the applicant will be expected to complete all pre-matriculation requirements and matriculate in the

next subsequent class or relinquish his/her position in the class. An applicant may only request to defer up to a maximum of three (3) years pending approval by the Admissions Committee.

Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship recipients: Alternates interviewed and approved for the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship program, who subsequently gain admission to medical school by virtue of being advanced to the top of the alternate list, do not have the option to defer. Only Arkansas residents may apply for this scholarship program.

NON-ARKANSAS RESIDENTS: Non-Arkansas residents accepted for admission do not have the option to defer.

Accreditation, Degree and Licensure

The Doctor of Medicine program offered by the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. The College of Medicine, through the University of Arkansas, grants the M.D. degree to those students who successfully complete its requirements. However, in order to practice medicine, a license to practice must then be obtained. The license to practice is issued by the Arkansas State Medical Board, an entity separate and distinct from the University of Arkansas. The issuance of the academic degree does not confer upon the recipient any guarantee of licensure.

Advanced Standing or Transfer Policy

The University of Arkansas will sometimes consider a few well-qualified applicants for potential transfer into the third year of the college. Transfer applicants must be Arkansas residents or have strong ties to the state of Arkansas. Applicants must be in good standing and making satisfactory academic progress at an LCME-accredited allopathic medical school located within the United States. Applicants will be considered beginning March 1. The deadline for receiving all application materials is April 1 of the year in which request for transfer is considered. Since such transfers are rare, interested individuals should contact the Office of Admissions for more detailed information.

Data on 2016 Entering Class

- Received 2616 applications from 47 states.
- The undergraduate grade point average for accepted applicants was 3.78 based on a 4.0 scale.
- Average scores on the old MCAT was 28 and 506 on the 2015 MCAT.
- Of those accepted, approximately 52% were female.
- The science disciplines represented 75% of the undergraduate majors. 47% of those accepted majored in biology; 15% in Biochemistry. A diverse list of other majors of those accepted include: accounting, anthropology, applied math statistics, art history, business, cell biology, finance, French, history, math, mechanical engineering, microbiology, molecular biology, movement science, music, neuroscience, performing arts, philosophy, physics, Spanish, statistics and university scholars.
- Of those accepted, 85% obtained all or part of their undergraduate education at colleges in Arkansas.
- 81% of the acceptances were first-time applicants. 18% of acceptances were 2nd time applicants
- The average age of those accepted was 23 – age range was 19-37.

Policies

Each student admitted to the College of Medicine at UAMS receives a Student Handbook containing detailed policies and procedures of the College. Students are responsible for everything in the Student Handbook. Before individuals may register for the freshman year, they are required to acknowledge in writing (on a form supplied by the College) that they have received the handbook, understand the policies and procedures contained therein and agree to abide by them. Further, they acknowledge that policies and procedures of the College may be changed and that new policies supersede old ones as soon as notification occurs. Anyone having questions concerning these policies and procedures is encouraged to contact the Executive Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs.

Registration

During the summer, information will be mailed to each student concerning the registration process, payment of tuition and fees and other matters. For this reason the Office of Student Admissions must have on file a current mailing address at which mail can be received with certainty. It is the applicant's responsibility to maintain his/her current address in AMCAS throughout the application cycle. Each accepted applicant must submit transcripts of all college, university and professional school records to the Office of Admissions by June 30. Applicants accepted to the freshman class must appear for registration at the place and time prescribed. Failure to appear for registration at the appointed time will result in forfeiture of that individual's place in the class to the next eligible alternate.

Payment of Tuition

Tuition is charged by the semester. The fall semester's tuition is due in full on the day of registration. The College of Medicine does not hold a registration day for the spring semester (our students register for the entire year when they register in the fall). Therefore, it is each student's responsibility to pay their spring semester's tuition by the first day of classes. Tuition payments are made to the UAMS Office of Student Financial Services. Students who fail to pay tuition by the established due dates will be placed on administrative leave of absence and will not receive credit for any classes attended until tuition is paid. The UAMS Student Financial Services office does not send tuition due notices for payment of the second installment of tuition. It is the responsibility of the student to pay tuition and fees by the established due dates.

Housing

The Office of Student Activities and Housing advises students to go to www.uams.edu/studentlife and "Off Campus Housing Options" for information.

Special Students

An individual will be permitted to enroll as a special student in basic science courses of the College of Medicine for purposes of enhancing his/her vocational potential provided there is agreement of (1) the department chair concerned; (2) the Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; and (3) the Admissions Committee of the College. The applicant should be employed full-time and have academic prerequisites appropriate for the requested basic science course(s).

Students enrolled in any Graduate School program of the University of Arkansas or in a UAMS college other than Medicine are permitted to enroll as special students (1) with the permission of his/her major professor, (2) the approval of the chair of the department offering the course, (3) the approval of the Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (4) the permission of the Admissions Committee.

Technical Standards for Admission

The College of Medicine at UAMS believes that earning a Doctor of Medicine degree requires mastery of a coherent body of knowledge and skills. Because the M.D. degree signifies that the holder is a physician prepared for entry into the practice of medicine within postgraduate training programs, it follows that graduates must be prepared to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. Therefore, there are certain minimum technical standards for physicians and medical students that must be met by applicants and students. A medical student must acquire substantial competence in the principles and facts of all of the curriculum's required basic science courses, must understand and appreciate the principles and practice of all of the basic fields of clinical medicine and must be able to relate appropriately to patients and other health care professionals. The following technical standards describe the non-academic qualifications, required in addition to appropriate academic achievements which the College considers essential for successful completion of the educational objectives of its curriculum. This list of required skills and qualifications is not all inclusive, but is meant to be representative:

Attitudinal, Behavioral, Interpersonal and Emotional Attributes: Because the medical profession is governed by ethical principles and by state and federal laws, a medical student must have the capacity to learn and understand these values and laws and to perform within their guidelines. Medical students should be able to relate to patients, as well as staff and colleagues, with honesty, integrity, non-discrimination, self-sacrifice and dedication. Medical students must be able to develop mature, sensitive and effective relationships

with patients. Medical students must be able to identify personal reactions and responses, recognize multiple points of view and integrate these appropriately into clinical decision making. Medical students must be able to communicate and care for, in a non-judgmental way, persons whose culture, sexual orientation, or spiritual beliefs are different than their own. A medical student must be able to examine the entire patient, male or female, regardless of the medical student's social, cultural, or religious beliefs. A medical student must be of sufficient emotional health to utilize fully his/her intellectual ability, to exercise good judgment, to complete patient care responsibilities promptly and to relate to patients, families and colleagues with courtesy, compassion, maturity and respect for their dignity. The medical student must display this emotional health in spite of stressful work, changing environments and clinical uncertainties. The medical student must be able to modify behavior in response to constructive criticism. He/she must be capable of being non-judgmental when caring for a patient and not let his/her own personal attitudes, perceptions and stereotypes compromise care of the patient. An individual with a diagnosed psychiatric disorder may function as a medical student as long as the condition is under sufficient control to allow accomplishment of the above goals. In the event of deteriorating emotional/behavioral functioning, it is essential that a medical student be willing to acknowledge the disability and accept professional help.

Intellectual Skills: Medical students must possess a range of intellectual skills that allow them to master the broad and complex body of knowledge that comprises a medical education. They must be able to recall large amounts of information, perform scientific measurements and calculations and understand and cognitively manipulate three-dimensional models. Medical students must be able to learn effectively through a variety of modalities including, but not limited to: classroom instruction, small group discussion, individual study of materials, preparation and presentation of written and oral reports and use of computer based technology. The ultimate goal of the student will be to solve difficult problems and to make diagnostic and therapeutic decisions. Reasoning abilities must be sophisticated enough to analyze and synthesize information from a wide variety of sources.

Communication: Medical students must be able to communicate in an appropriate fashion with a patient in order to obtain a medical history. This communication with patients must, at times, involve hearing the patient and speaking with the patient because some patients do not read or write, or at least they may not be able to do so under certain medical situations. Medical students must be able to read and write in patients' charts in standard format and must be able to interact with a variety of standard computers networked to hospital information systems to obtain patient information, order tests and document patient progress. Medical students must be able to prepare a legible, comprehensive patient work-up and present a new patient's case orally in a focused manner to fellow classmates, resident physicians and attending physicians as appropriate.

Observation: Medical students must be able to observe a patient and detect and interpret non-verbal communication from the patient. Each student must be able to use a microscope to, as examples, view and interpret a blood smear, a bacterial stain, a urine sample, identify normal tissues and identify pathologic changes in tissues which are brought about by disease processes, as well as studying other microscopic specimens. Medical students must be capable of viewing and interpreting such diagnostic modalities as various radiological imaging techniques (X-ray films, angiograms, CT scans, etc.) and electrocardiograms, in order to assess the accuracy and importance of the examination. Medical students must be able to perform auscultation of the patient and do such things as describe normal and abnormal heart sounds, detect bruits (sound of abnormal blood flow) and detect abnormal abdominal sounds. Medical students must be able to hear the history of a patient and respond appropriately to the patient verbally.

Motor Skills: Medical students must be able to position a patient properly for a physical examination. Medical students must be able to perform a physical examination on a patient, including the ability to inspect various physical signs and recognize normal versus abnormal findings, including fine visual differentiations such as the ability to see a non-palpable skin lesion to determine its malignant potential and to perform a funduscopic examination to evaluate the retina of the eye for changes suggestive of diabetes mellitus or hypertension. They must be able to elicit information from patients using the techniques of palpation, auscultation, percussion and other diagnostic maneuvers. They must be able to execute motor movements reasonably required to provide general care and emergency treatment to patients. Examples of treatment reasonably required of physicians are cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the administration of intravenous medication, the application of pressure to stop bleeding, the opening of an obstructed airway, the introduction of intravenous catheters, the drawing of arterial and venous blood samples, the suturing of simple wounds and the performance of simple obstetrical maneuvers. Medical students must be able to utilize gross and fine manual palpation, touch, vibratory sensation and temperature sensation to describe and evaluate lymph nodes, thyroid nodules, breast tissue, the pulse, joints and other body parts.

General: Medical students must demonstrate the ability to tolerate physically challenging workloads and to function effectively under stress. The unpredictable needs of patients are at the heart of becoming a physician. Academic and clinical responsibilities of medical students may require their presence during day and evening hours and on any day of the week.