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2018 FRESHMEN SNAPSHOT
- Average GPA of those accepted: 3.78
- Average MCAT of those accepted: 507
- Average age of those accepted: 22.5; age range 21-35
- 85% of Freshmen received their undergraduate degree from Arkansas colleges
- 51% of those accepted majored in Biology; followed by Biochemistry at 14%
- 74% of all accepted students majored in one of the traditional sciences
- 77% of the applicant pool were first-time applicants
- A total of 2234 applicants from 44 states and DC submitted an AMCAS application
- Class size for 2017 is 174

DEADLINES FOR 2018 APPLICANTS

MCAT registration and test dates are posted on the MCAT web site: www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/

June 1, 2017
Applicants may begin to submit their AMCAS web-application to AAMC.

August 15, 2017
Arkansas residents may begin calling to schedule their faculty interview. Applicants must certify and submit the AMCAS application before scheduling an interview.

November 1, 2017
Final deadline for all applicants to submit AMCAS web-application to AMCAS.

November 15, 2017
Non-Arkansas residents with strong ties to Arkansas must submit letter to UAMS advocating strong ties.

December 8, 2017
Admissions Committee meets to determine which non-Arkansas residents will be invited to be interviewed in January and reviewed in February.

December 18, 2017
Letters to early accepts for Arkansas residents.

January 15, 2018
ALL application documentation must be received at UAMS for ALL applicants.

January 22, 2018
Letters to early accepts for Arkansas residents.

Late February 2018
Letters mailed to all applicants informing them of admissions status: Accepted, Alternate List or Not Accepted.

FACULTY INTERVIEWS

Arkansas Residents
Must be interviewed by members of the UAMS faculty. It is your responsibility to call the Office of Admissions to schedule your faculty interview after you have certified and submitted your AMCAS application. You may begin calling August 15, but you must call no later than Nov. 1 to schedule your interview.

Non-Arkansas Residents
Will be interviewed by invitation only. The Admissions Committee will meet in mid-December to determine which non-Arkansas resident applicants will be invited to come for faculty interviews on Jan. 15, 2018.

Access the AMCAS medical school application at: students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/
**ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

**PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES**

Certain personal qualities are of fundamental importance in the character of one who will enter the medical profession. These attributes include curiosity, compassion, integrity, stamina, dedication to service and a sustained ability to learn. Beyond these are the cognitive needs and requirements of an adequate intellectual capacity.

The paramount goals of the pre-medical experience should be mastery of the art of study and the intellectual maturity to understand, utilize and synthesize facts into concepts. The student must have the ability to absorb, integrate and use a large body of knowledge. Likewise, future physicians must understand the sociocultural and environmental factors in illness and the impact of illness on the family and greater community. The pre-medical education contributes significantly to the interaction of these factors.

**PRE-MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

- Two semesters of Biology
- Three semesters of Chemistry (to include Organic Chemistry with lab and Biochemistry)
- One semester of Genetics*

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.

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.

*Please see the online catalog for specific genetics course content.

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

A baccalaureate degree is strongly recommended. Applicants must take the MCAT. MCAT scores obtained prior to 2015 are not acceptable for applicants to the 2018 first-year class. The MCAT test dates for calendar year 2017 are posted on the MCAT web site. Applicants must register for the MCAT at [www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/](http://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/). Applicants with pre-medical majors have no particular advantage over applicants majoring in other fields. Successful applicants, however, will be highly motivated individuals with a solid foundation in the natural sciences.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

The College of Medicine participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Applicants must use the AAMC online web-application at [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org). Applicants may certify and submit their completed AMCAS web-application to the AAMC beginning in June.

The deadline for submitting your application to AMCAS is Nov. 1 for the class entering the following fall. Official transcripts should be sent directly to AMCAS from the registrar of each college attended. AMCAS will send your MCAT scores to us. Recommendations from your Premedical Advisory Committee are required and must be sent directly to AMCAS Letters Service. Your application will not be reviewed if you miss your school’s Premedical Advisory Committee deadline and we are advised that a letter is not forthcoming.

Note: if your institution does not have a Premedical Advisory Committee, or it has been more than two years since you last attended/graduated from your school, you may choose to have three faculty members submit individual letters of recommendation. In addition to the required Premedical Advisory Committee composite evaluation or three academic letters of recommendation from faculty, you also have the option to ask three individuals to submit personal letters of recommendation which primarily address your qualifications outside the classroom. UAMS College of Medicine utilizes the AMCAS Letters Service for letter submissions. Letters of recommendation should be submitted by Nov. 15.

A non-refundable application fee of $100 is required from each applicant. The College of Medicine, in conjunction with AMCAS, will conduct a criminal background check on all applicants accepted for admission and alternates placed on the alternate list.

*This brochure provides only a synopsis of College of Medicine admission requirements. It is not intended to substitute for the College of Medicine catalog. All information is subject to change without notice.*

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Preference is given to Arkansas residents. However, state law permits acceptance, the acceptance offer will be rescinded. of its location, at the time the College of Medicine Admissions Committee made its offer of admission and alternates placed on the alternate list.