

COLLEGE OF

medicine

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES



2023

Guide for M.D. Program Applicants

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.

*Megan Clark
Class of 2025*

PREMATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- Three semesters of Biology to include one full semester of General Genetics
- Two semesters of Physics
- Two semesters of English
- Three semesters of Chemistry to include Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry*
- One semester of Statistics
- Two semesters of Social Sciences**

*UAMS College of Medicine does not require labs for Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry. (Your institution or major may require labs.)

**Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, Ethics, Logic Philosophy, Religion or Theology courses.

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, provided the course is accepted and given credit/letter grade on the applicant's academic transcript from an accredited university.

The UAMS College of Medicine Academic Standards Committee suggests students may benefit from completing coursework in some of the following subjects prior to medical school. The subjects listed below are recommendations, not requirements.

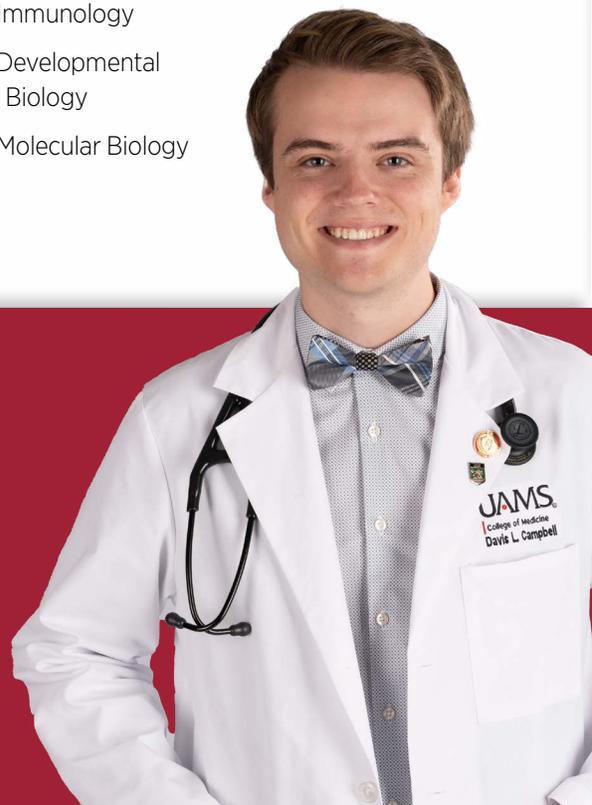
- Physiology
- Immunology
- Microbiology
- Developmental Biology
- Cell Biology
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Histology

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

A baccalaureate degree is strongly recommended. Applicants must take the MCAT and MCAT scores obtained prior to 2020 are not acceptable for applicants to the 2023 first-year class. The MCAT test dates for calendar year 2022 are posted on the MCAT web site. Applicants must register for the

MCAT at 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.

*Davis Campbell
Class of 2025*



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. 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 inside or 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 supplemental (aka secondary) application to the UAMS College of Medicine is made available to every applicant who has applied through AMCAS in the current application cycle.

A non-refundable application fee of \$100 is required from each applicant. Applicants approved by AMCAS for the Fee Assistance Program will be charged \$50.

The College of Medicine, in conjunction with AMCAS, will conduct a criminal background check on all applicants accepted for admission.

* 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.

*Pamela Rosales,
Class of 2024*



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



Photo taken prior to COVID-19

We are excited to announce the expansion of UAMS College of Medicine medical training on the Northwest Arkansas Campus where select medical students wishing to complete their entire MD in Fayetteville, Arkansas may have the opportunity to do so. There is also the option for students to complete their first two years of training in Little Rock and then to move to NWA to complete their M3 and M4 clinical years in Northwest Arkansas. For incoming medical students who know they wish to enter primary care fields, (e.g. pediatrics, family medicine or internal medicine), an innovative three year MD Primary Care Scholars training track is exclusively offered on the Northwest UAMS Campus. This program is highly competitive and requires a

secondary application once admitted to the College of Medicine. The focus of the program is to prepare extremely strong primary care clinicians to serve our state. By completing the MD degree in 3 years, students save 25% of the cost of training and are able to enter practice more rapidly.

Applicants accepted for admission to the UAMS College of Medicine will have the opportunity to complete the standard four-year MD track at UAMS Little Rock or to apply for one of the three tracks offered at UAMS Northwest.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Preference is given to Arkansas residents. However, state law permits the Admissions Committee to accept a limited number of non-Arkansas residents. Non-Arkansas residents with strong ties to Arkansas are given preference. Individuals with strong ties should communicate this information to the Office of Admissions by Nov. 15. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident.

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2022 FRESHMEN SNAPSHOT

- Average GPA of those accepted: 3.81
- Average MCAT of those accepted: 509
- Average age of those accepted: 23; age range 20-37
- 78% of Freshmen received their undergraduate degree from Arkansas colleges
- 43% of those accepted majored in Biology; followed by Biochemistry at 13%
- 72% of all accepted students majored in one of the traditional sciences
- 79% of the applicant pool were first-time applicants
- A total of 2730 applicants from 46 states submitted an AMCAS application
- Class size for 2022 is 188

DEADLINES FOR 2023 APPLICANTS

May 31, 2022

Applicants may begin to submit their AMCAS application to AAMC.

August 15, 2022

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

November 1, 2022

Final deadline for all applicants to submit AMCAS application.

Last day for Arkansas residents to call UAMS to schedule faculty interviews.

November 15, 2022

Deadline for all applicants to submit the UAMS COM Supplemental Application

Non-Arkansas residents with strong ties to Arkansas must submit letter to UAMS advocating strong ties.

December 9, 2022

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

December 16, 2022

Letters to early accepts for Arkansas residents.

January 16, 2023

ALL application documentation must be received at UAMS for ALL applicants.

January 25, 2023

Letters to early accepts for Arkansas residents.

By February 28, 2023

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, 2022 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. 14, 2023.