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How does AMCAS work?

**Application Submitted**
- Applicant completes & submits AMCAS application online
- Applicant pays submission fees (or uses valid Fee Assistance Program benefits)

**Application Processed**
- Applicant arranges for all required official transcripts to be sent to AMCAS
- AMCAS performs verification of coursework and calculates AMCAS GPAs

**Application Delivered**
- AMCAS distributes verified application to designated med schools
- AMCAS delivers letters to designated med schools as they are received

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Applying to Medical School with AMCAS®

The American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) is the AAMC’s centralized medical school application processing service. Most U.S. medical schools use AMCAS as the primary application method for their first-year entering classes.

AMCAS® Sign In

The 2019 AMCAS application is now open. If you wish to start medical school in Fall 2019, please complete and submit the 2019 AMCAS application.

The AMCAS Choose Your Medical School tool is now available. Applicants with at least 1 current acceptance will be able to see and use the new tool. The tool can be accessed via your AMCAS application where you can click on the Choose Your Medical School icon.

As of April 22, AMCAS is:

Marking transcripts as "Received" delivered on April 17.

Verifying applications that reached "Ready for Review" status on April 19.

Processing Academic Change Requests submitted on April 19.

Contact AMCAS®
2020 Application Dates

Application Deadlines

• Application must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET of the deadline date

• Transcript deadlines: must be received by AMCAS within 14 calendar days of the application deadline date
  • Must be received by August 1 for EDP applicants

• Visit www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines

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*Dates subject to change
## 2020 AMCAS Participation

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## 2020 AMCAS Application Fees:

- $170 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- $40 for each additional school

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The AMCAS Application

• Identifying Information
• Schools Attended
• Biographic Information
• Course Work
• Work/Activities
• Letters of Evaluation
• Medical Schools
• Essay(s)
• Standardized Tests
Accessing the Application

Sign In

AAMC Username

Password

Forgot your username?  |  Forgot your password?

Sign In

Create AAMC Account

Register for an AAMC account to begin accessing products and services.

Create AAMC Account

Need help?
Applicants should only complete registration if they do not have an AAMC ID.
Select “2021 Application Cycle”
Identifying Information

- Legal Name*
- Preferred Name*
- Alternate Names
- ID Numbers
- Birth & Sex*

Some information is centrally managed by AAMC and cannot be edited on this page. To edit your legal name, preferred name, birth, and sex, go to My AAMC Profile.

Legal Name

- Salutation
- First Name*
  - Dejanira
- Last Name*
  - Cruz
- Middle Name
- Suffix

Medical schools still send you correspondence, and often prefer salutation and properly cased name (e.g. Mr. John Smith).

Preferred Name

- Salutation
Schools Attended

Add College

Country *
Select Country

Program Type *
Select Program Type

Start Date *
End Date *

Other Options
- Summer School Only
- Study Abroad Program

Advisor Release

The school-designated advisor(s) have met AMCAS-established requirements and are bound by confidentiality. Information transferred includes your personal/demographic information, work/activity information, credit hours, MCAT scores, GPAs, the names and types of your recommenders, the names of any other schools you have attended, the medical schools to which you have applied and what action those schools have taken, and the status of your application with AMCAS. Additionally, if you applied for fee assistance through the AAMC Fee Assistance Program, and in your fee assistance application agreed to release award information to your health professions advisor this information will be made available along with your application information.

Do you authorize AMCAS to release your application information to the school-designated advisor(s) at this institution? *
- Yes
- No
Schools Attended

Transcript Request

Note: One official transcript is required from each U.S., U.S. Territorial, or Canadian post-secondary institution at which you have attempted course work, regardless of whether credit was earned.

If you click Yes, you must have an official transcript sent to AMCAS by the Registrar's Office of the institution.

If you click No, this means that you are submitting a Transcript Exception Request and does not preclude you from transcript requirements. AMCAS will review your request and notify you if your Transcript Exception is not granted. This may result in delays for processing your application.

Does AMCAS require an official transcript from this school? Generally, a transcript is required. Please review this additional information if you need assistance in determining if a transcript is required.*

- Yes
- No
Schools Attended
Course Work

You must enter all of the courses you took at each school. Prior to entering your coursework, you are encouraged to watch some brief tutorials that will guide you through the process of entering your coursework. Click on the links below to learn about the process of entering coursework:

- Watch Basic Coursework Tutorial
- Watch AP Coursework/Credit Tutorial
- Watch Current and Future Coursework Tutorial (where you have not yet earned a grade)
- Watch Study Abroad Coursework Tutorial

Please review additional information about coursework in the AMCAS Applicant Guide.

If you do not need to enter coursework for any of your schools attended, please select None for the applicable school(s). In order for AMCAS to process your application, all required coursework must be entered. Please refer to the AMCAS Applicant Guide for more information about entering coursework.
Course Work

Applicants should use a personal copy of their official transcript to complete this section.
Work/Activities

- Maximum of 15 entries
  Applicants can enter 3 additional date ranges for repeated activities
- Maximum of 3 “Most Meaningful”
Applicants can submit their application before AMCAS receives their letters.
Letters of Evaluation

Submission Methods:
- AMCAS Letter Writer Application
- Interfolio
- Mail

Receive letters electronically, on a rolling basis after an application is verified

www.aamc.org/amcasletters
Applicants should be sure to select the correct program type and be mindful of program and transcript deadlines.
Some questions you may want to consider while drafting this essay are:

- Why have you selected the field of medicine?
- What motivates you to learn more about medicine?
- What do you want medical schools to know about you that hasn't been disclosed in another section of the application?

In addition, you may wish to include information such as:

- Special hardships, challenges or obstacles that may have influenced your educational pursuits
- Commentary on significant fluctuations in your academic record which are not explained elsewhere in your application

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**Personal Comments Essay**

Consider and write your Personal Comments carefully; many admissions committees place significant weight on this section. Make sure you proofread carefully because no changes may be made after you submit your application. What information should I consider including in my personal comments?

Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school:

I want to go to medical school.
MD/PhD Essay

Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s).

Please state your reasons for wishing to pursue the combined MD/PhD degree.*
Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s).

I really, really want to be a doctor!
Standardized Tests

MCAT® Scores

- MCAT® Scores
- MCAT® Exam Date *
- Other Tests *

Note: Your MCAT scores have not been loaded yet.

MCAT® Exam Date

Medical schools need to know if you plan on taking an MCAT exam. MCAT exams can be taken at any time. Include upcoming or recently taken exams:

- Yes
- No

2019 Schedule for the Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®)*

MCAT® is a program of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

*The above dates indicate the US MCAT test dates.
For Canadian and International test dates, please visit students-residents.aamc.org/mcat/register.
Note: The MCAT exam is not offered in February or October-December. All exams start at 8:00 a.m. local time.

aamc.org/mcat
MCAT® Scores

Score breakdowns and confidence bands will appear in the AMCAS application.
Certification Statements

Application Submission Process

Certification Statements

In order to complete and submit your application, you must certify the following statements by checking each box and clicking the Agree button:

- I certify that the information in this application and associated materials is current, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that all written passages, such as the personal statement, essays required from M.D.-Ph.D. applicants and descriptions of work/activities, are my own and have not been written, in part or whole, by a third party. Quotations are permitted if the source is cited.
- I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the AMCAS Applicant Guide, including the provisions noting that I am responsible for monitoring and ensuring the progress of my application process, by checking the Main Menu of my application. I understand that I am also responsible for reviewing my application after AMCAS processing is complete.
- I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants, which set forth guidelines for ethical conduct during the application process, and define important application cycle dates.
- AAMC investigates and may report to legitimately interested parties discrepancies in information, attempts to subvert the admission process, and any other irregular matter that occurs in connection with application activities. I understand and agree that the sole and exclusive remedy available to me to appeal or otherwise challenge the AAMC’s decision to send an investigation report to legitimately interested parties shall be confidential, binding arbitration through written submissions only to the Washington, D.C. office of the American Arbitration Association under the expedited procedures for commercial matters. I understand that my failure to request in writing arbitration within 30 calendar days of receipt of an investigation report that has been approved by the AAMC for transmittal to interested parties will constitute an absolute bar and waiver of this exclusive remedy. I further understand that the sole issue for arbitration shall be whether the AAMC acted reasonably and in good faith in making its decision.
- I understand that I am responsible for learning the admissions requirements, application policies, and due dates for each school to which I am applying, and that I am not eligible for a refund of AMCAS fees if I do not meet the admissions requirements of the

Last step of application: certify data is accurate, submit, and pay processing fee.
AMCAS Verification Process

Transcripts
- All required official transcripts are required before an application can join the verification queue
- AMCAS accepts PDF eTranscripts from approved senders

Processing
- From date of “Ready to Review” application status, about 6 weeks
- Find processing updates on Twitter (@AMCASinfo) and on the AMCAS application sign in page
Application Reminders

- Criminal Background Checks
- Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants
Criminal Background Checks

• Participating schools have checks run on accepted or waitlisted applicants
• Certiphi Screening, Inc. will notify applicants when the CBC has been initiated
• Applicants have 10 calendar days to review their report
• No additional charge to the applicant for this service

CBC Schedule

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AMCAS Tools

- AMCAS Applicant Guide
- Application and Acceptance Protocols
- Video Tutorials [youtube.com/AMCASinfo](https://youtube.com/AMCASinfo)
- Twitter [@AMCASinfo](https://twitter.com/AMCASinfo)

[aamc.org/amcas](https://aamc.org/amcas)
Secondary Applications

Additional information requested from each school.


--Why CCOM?

--How do you add to the diversity of CCOM?

--Describe your healthcare experiences.
Osteopathic Medical Schools

--AACOMAS: https://aacomas.liaisoncas.com
  opens May 5

--Helps to have shadowed a DO:
  Know what DOs do

--AACOM.org
COVID changes for 2020-2021

- P/N grading option
- MCAT schedule
- Letters of Recommendation
- Shadowing or other cancelled activities
Questions?