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- Essays
- MCAT | scoring
- Secondary applications
- DO schools
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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
2023-2024 Application Dates

2024 AMCAS® Application

The 2024 AMCAS application cycle dates:

May 2: AMCAS application opens

May 30: AMCAS application submission begins

June 30: Initial transmission of applicant data to medical schools

August 1: Early Decision Program deadline

UI CCOM does not have early decision.
May take six-eight weeks for verification.

That’s normal- don’t panic!
2023-2024 AMCAS Participation

• The 2023-2024 AMCAS processing fee is $175, which includes one medical school designation.
  • Additional medical school designations are $45 each

• Be strategic about applying- this is not a wager where more is better!

• Most US medical schools (MD-granting) use AMCAS
  
  Texas schools: TMDSAS
  Osteopathic schools: AACOMAS
The AMCAS Application

• Identifying Information
• Schools Attended & transcripts
• Biographic Information
• Course Work
• Work/Activities
• Letters of Evaluation
• Medical Schools
• Essay(s)
• Standardized Tests
2023-2024 AMCAS applicant guide

Course classification guide pg. 35
BCPM and AO grades
AP, dual-enrollment and study abroad grades
Medical School Admission Requirements

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- Enter Institution Name -

Sort By: School A - Z

Display:

Filters

Location
- Country, State -

Albany Medical College
Albany, NY | Private Institution | Urban Campus

Combined Degrees
MD/MPH
MD/MBA

Also Accepts
Out-of-state

Application Deadline
11/01/2021

First Year Class
143

Tuition & Fees
$57,723 In-state
$57,723 Out-of-state

Median GPA
3.74
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

ALERTS

- The 2022 AMCAS application will open on May 3 under normal operations. Learn more.

READ
Accessing the Application

Sign In

Username
Enter Username
(required)

Password
Enter Password

SIGN IN

Forgot your username?
Forgot your password?
Need help?

Don't have an account?
Register for an AAMC account to begin accessing products and services.

CREATE ACCOUNT
AMCAS Main Menu
Biographical Information
Biographical information

• Childhood information

• Misdemeanor and felonies
  Be careful of expunged convictions

• Other Impactful Experiences:
  If you answer Yes, you will have 1,325 characters. This question is intended for applicants who have had impactful life experiences and who have faced or overcome challenges in a variety of areas such as family background, financial background, community setting, education, religion, or other life experiences. The experiences can be from any point in an applicant’s life and do not need to be related to medicine or health care.
Schools Attended

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

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.
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
UI transcript request form

If you are requesting a transcript now to be sent later (after grades or degrees are posted), please process that request after classes have begun for the semester.

Request after Feb. 1 for May grades or degree; after Sept. 1 for December grades or degree; after June 1 for Summer grades or degree.

If using FedEx as your Delivery Type option, extra postage will be assessed (minimum $15). You must provide a street address - Federal Express will not deliver to P.O. Boxes.

Order Details

Delivery Timing: After Grades
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Reciprocal Transcripts

Recipient Name: AMCAS Transcripts
Recipient Email Address: AMCASTranscripts@aamc.org
Confirm Recipient Email Address: AMCASTranscripts@aamc.org
Notification Email Address: your-name@uw.edu

I understand that I am responsible for a valid recipient address since a confidential document will be delivered to the address provided.
Course Work

Applicants should use a personal copy of their **official** transcript to complete this section. Use your degree audit or UI grade report.
Coursework

Both grades are averaged together if second-grade option (SGO) used.

AMCAS counts +/- grades. A and A+ weighted the same.

BCPM and AO
COVID-19 notice 2023-2024 CCOM

• We recommend and prefer that **prerequisite courses are taken as graded courses** because grades give the admissions committee a better idea of mastery of the subject matter and comparative performance. **Applicants should contact us if they do not receive letter grades for prerequisite courses, and we can review these on a case-by-case basis.**

• Online lab courses WILL meet our pre-medical course requirements.
Withdrawals

Such courses usually appear on the transcript as a “W” or equivalent symbol. No credit hours or AMCAS grade will be assigned for Withdrawals, except in cases where the school includes the Withdrawal failing grade in the GPA as a “F”.

A course entry should not be made if the course was dropped within the normal drop/add period and does not appear on the official transcript. If the course was drop/add outside the normal period and does appear on the official transcript, a course entry should be made.
Work/Activities

- Maximum of 15 entries
- Applicants can enter 3 additional date ranges for repeated activities
- Maximum of 3 “Most Meaningful”
Letters of Evaluation

Submission Methods:
- AMCAS Letter Writer Application
- Interfolio

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

www.aamc.org/amcasletters
Letters of Evaluation

Applicants can submit their application before AMCAS receives their letters.
Letters of Evaluation

• The UI does not provide committee letters of evaluation or letter packets.
• All individual letters of reference
• AMCAS will accept 10 letters
  choose which letters for which school
• **UI Carver College of Medicine:**
  Three letters required. Four preferred!
  No requirement on type
Medical Schools

Applicants should be sure to select the correct program type and be mindful of program and transcript deadlines.
Personal Comments Essay

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

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.
Essay MSTP (MD/PhD)

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!

2963 characters left of 3000

Significant Research Hours

Please enter your total hours of prior research experience.*
Applicants should indicate any future MCAT testing dates.
Score breakdowns and confidence bands will appear in the AMCAS application.
Certification Statements

Application Submission Process

PRE-SUBMISSION CHECKS  CERTIFICATION  PASSWORD  CBC  PAYMENT

SUBMISSION COMPLETE

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
Secondary Applications

Additional information requested from each school

- CCOM secondary application portal opens July 10, deadline Dec. 15, 2023 (preferred by Oct. 15)
- CCOM fee: $60
- Fees vary from $50-150 per school

--Why Carver College of Medicine?

--Describe unique personal characteristics or obstacles you’ve overcome to contribute to a diverse healthcare system.

--Describe your healthcare experiences.
Minimum for CCOM secondary

- 500 minimum MCAT
- 123 minimum each MCAT subsection
- 3.00 minimum BCPM and AO GPA

Some schools send secondaries to everyone: Yale, Johns Hopkins, Harvard....

..Be strategic and use the MSAR!
CCOM Interview format

Candidates are interviewed individually by two faculty members for 25 minutes. The day includes a case-based learning session facilitated by M4 students. Both virtual and in person interviews are available.

Carver conducts "closed file" interviews - interviewers are faculty volunteers and want to get to know candidates "off of paper" completely. Do not let this scare you!
CCOM timeline

- Earliest application reviews: July 10
- First interviews: September 6
- Secondary app preferred deadline: October 15
- Interviews end: January 12
- Final pool decisions: March 15
Osteopathic Medical Schools

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

--Helps to have shadowed/interviewed a DO:
  --Know what DOs do
  --Healthcare experience/hours important

--AACOM.org
www.choosedo.org
Questions?