Academic Factors
Admissions committees are looking for a solid academic performance in both your overall and science GPA.

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Non Academic Factors
Applicants to medical school should demonstrate genuine experiences in the following areas: career exploration and shadowing, leadership, extracurricular activities, a diversity of community/volunteer service, and an awareness of current issues.

Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)
The MCAT is a computerized test taken in certain testing centers and is offered throughout the year. It tests medical school applicants on problem solving, critical thinking, reading comprehension, and writing skills in addition to knowledge of science concepts and principles. All medical schools require applicants to take the MCAT and results weigh heavily on the admissions decision.

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To register for the MCAT go to: www.aamc.org/mcat

American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS)
You may begin the process of applying as early as mid-May of the year prior to matriculating. The earliest you can apply to medical school is June 1st. Medical schools fill their classes on a rolling admissions basis; so it is highly recommended to apply early. To apply to AMCAS go to www.amcas.org.

Medical School Timeline

**Freshman**
- Visit the Health Professions Website
- Schedule the major and prerequisite classes you need to take using the Grad Plan Tool (note that you should review the course catalogue to ensure classes are available during the semester you have planned to take them)
- Explore the medical field and look for shadowing opportunities
- Get involved with the Pre-Med Society
- Take the Health Professions Workshops

**Sophomore**
- Explore the medical field- shadow different areas of medicine
- Plan when you will take the MCAT
- Research medical schools and review the prerequisites needed for each school
- Build good relationships with professors, supervisors, and physicians for future letters of recommendation
- Begin writing your Personal Statement
- Review each medical school’s admissions timetable located in the MSAR book or on their website

**Junior**
- Research schools you are applying to
- Start studying for the MCAT
- Take the MCAT in the Spring to apply in June
- Ask 3 or more people to write you a letter of recommendation
- Start filling out the AMCAS application
- Submit AMCAS application early in the admissions cycle
- Know current medical issues
- Continue to explore the medical field
- Participate in community service
- Edit and review Personal Statement
- Visit medical schools if possible

**Senior**
- Prepare for your interviews by visiting with career services and participating in mock interviews
- Research Financial Aid options
- Know current medical issues