

Pre-Requisites for Medical School Admission

Course requirements:

1 year of general biology

BIOL 1A & 1B + labs

1 year of general chemistry

CHEM 1A & 1B + labs

1 year of organic chemistry

CHEM 128A & B

Minimum 1 semester of organic chemistry lab

CHEM 129A & B

Biochemistry (suggested by many schools)

CHEM 150

1 year of physics

PHYS 2A & 2B + labs

Calculus (some require 1 year of calculus)

MATH 75 + 76

Statistics

MATH 101 or PSYCH 42

Additional course requirements depending on school

1 year of English

1 semester of Behavioral Sciences

Health Care Experience:

According to a recent survey of medical schools, knowledge of health care issues and commitment to health care were among the top five variables considered very important to student selection (the other four were med school interview ratings, GPA, MCAT scores, and letters of recommendation.)

You should consider being active in health care activities as much as possible as a pre-med student. If nothing else, these experiences will help you articulate, in your personal statement and interviews, why you want to pursue a career in medicine.

Letters of Recommendation:

- 1-2 from professors
- 1 from a health care professional
- 1 from a person who cares to speak about your character

Personal Statement:

- Start writing it now.
- Take the time to reflect as to why you really want to be a doctor; it is not an easy road.
- Be vulnerable and honest.
- Don't hide bad grades; succinctly address them. What happened? What did you learn from them? What changes did you make?
- Have several people read it.

Community Service:

Contact each medical school you are planning on applying to for their specific requirements.