Health Careers Fact Sheet – Allopathic Medicine

Think you have what it takes to be a doctor? While physicians are as varied as the communities they serve, they all share key attributes. Integrity, leadership, perseverance and humanitarian concern are just a few of the personality traits which, when combined with rigorous coursework, exposure to undergraduate research, and clinical experience during residency, make a great physician. Whether you choose to become a general practitioner or specialist, teach at medical school, or conduct biomedical research, all physicians must complete a residency program, which takes a minimum of three years. With help from your premedical advisor, UMass Boston is a great place to get ready for medical school.

Degree
M.D.

Program Length
4 years

Professional Schools’ Organization
Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

Application Service
American Medical College Association Application Service (AMCAS)

Academic Admission Requirements
One year each: Biology, General (Inorganic) Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, English. Some schools may also require a full year of Calculus, it is recommended to discuss your math plans with the premedical advisor. Other courses may be required or recommended depending on the specific medical school. This information is in the Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR), a book published yearly by the AAMC.

Admission Exam
Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)

Recommendation Letters
Letters of recommendation should be submitted to the Premedical advising office along with the waiver form. It is encouraged to obtain letters from science faculty, a professional in the field, and employers.

Current Topics
AMCAS opens up each May and can be submitted starting in June. Transcript requests should be sent to the Registrar’s office ASAP. For Fee Assistance Program (FAP) advance planning is necessary to ensure ample time for your request to be reviewed. For more information visit the AAMC.

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