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EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS: WHAT ARE THEY?

An Early Acceptance or Early Assurance Program at a medical school is a program geared towards students who are exceptional. Students apply typically in their sophomore year (with one exception) and commit to attending that medical school. The student may or may not be required to take the MCAT.

These students know and can articulate early on in their undergraduate career why they want to go into medicine. They have often already had clinical or medical exposure through summer programs in high school, or volunteer or paid work in college. They are usually very strong students.
ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages

- Acceptance to medical school in sophomore year
- In some cases no MCAT is required

Disadvantages

- You commit to only one medical school; you cannot apply to other medical schools later on.
- Need to be very prepared early on to answer why medicine/why that school
- Admission is extremely competitive
THE BASICS

○ You must be a sophomore (in your second year) to apply

○ The program is open to students from any undergraduate institution in the country

○ It is exceptionally competitive

○ You must submit an application form and fee

○ Also required:
  ○ Personal Statement
  ○ High school and college transcripts
  ○ SAT or ACT scores
  ○ Letters of recommendation (3 required)
    ○ Recommended: 1 letter from a college faculty member; 1 letter from a HS teacher or guidance counselor; 1 letter from another person who knows you well personally or academically (teacher, work supervisor, volunteer supervisor, advisor, etc).
At least two semesters of biology OR chemistry OR physics prior to applying
- AP/IB coursework does not suffice

We would recommend having more than the minimum
- At least three semesters of chemistry OR biology OR physics and the accompanying labs
REQUIRED COURSEWORK BEFORE ENROLLING

- Two semesters of biology (not AP or IB, but college coursework)
- Two semesters of chemistry (not AP or IB, but college coursework)
- Two semesters of English
- One semester of physics (or AP or IB Physics in high school with a score of 4 or higher)
- Two semesters of lab in any science
- One semester of health policy, public health, or global health
- One semester of ethics
- One semester of statistics
- A senior thesis or its equivalent in an area of academic concentration
- An in-depth experience in which the student gains exposure to human illness

Students are strongly encouraged to gain proficiency in either Spanish or Mandarin.

In the six weeks prior to matriculation, FlexMed students who have not had advanced science courses will be required to participate in our Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) that will provide them with basic competency in cell biology, biochemistry, and organic chemistry.
**FLEXMED: WHO IS COMPETITIVE**

**GPA:** “Admitted students will be required to achieve a 'B' in all required courses [and] will be expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5”

**SAT:** Most accepted applicants last year had a combined Critical Reading/Verbal + Math score of 1350 or higher.

**Holistic Review:** Mt. Sinai is looking for a diverse group of students, so will review your application holistically. You should expect to be able to demonstrate maturity, thoughtfulness, and a strong desire to practice medicine which you can articulate. Clinical or patient care experience through volunteer or paid work is strongly encouraged prior to application.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

Submission Deadline: January 15, 2015
Acceptances sent out: July 1, 2015
OTHER EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS
Overview of the program

**GPA:** 3.5 overall minimum

**SAT/ACT:** 1300+ (CR/V + M); 29 ACT recommended

**MCAT** is required (taken after provisional acceptance to the program); the equivalent of a 30 is needed.
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

ROSE program overview

**GPA:** 3.4 overall minimum; 3.45 Science GPA required

**SAT/ACT:** none listed

**MCAT** is required (after provisional acceptance to the program); equivalent of 30 is needed.

**Residency restrictions:** Ohio and some Indiana and Kentucky counties
UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO (OHIO)

Medstart Program Overview

GPA: 3.7 overall GPA; 3.5 Science GPA strongly recommended
SAT/ACT: 29 ACT or 1900 SAT strongly recommended
MCAT is not required

Applicants must be in their junior year and commit to a two week summer program between junior and senior year.
QUESTIONS?

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Quick Questions Drop-Ins (for same-day appointments)
Monday – Friday, 1:30-2:30pm
Sign up is in Usdan 127 (Academic Services Annex)