

# *So you want to apply to medical school...*

## Requirements

- Vary by school, check the web sites for individual schools
- AMCAS – open date ~June 2, opens ahead of submission date – complete this early (ideally, you would submit ASAP)
- In general...
  - Chemistry and Organic chemistry (16), Physics (8), Biology (8), English (6) with labs for science courses
  - Strongly recommended or required: Psychology, Sociology, Biochemistry +/- statistics
  - MCAT
  - Letters of recommendation – usually 3
  - Medical experience – shadowing, volunteering, or work
- Undergraduate activities – get involved in activities you enjoy and would be comfortable talking about in an interview, try and seek leadership positions or quantifiable achievements
  - Examples: debate, shadowing, RA, camp counselor, TA, research, orchestra, ultimate frisbee, Pre-Med honors society, Volunteering at a local hospital, sports, Model UN, ER scribe, medical missions, choir, community service
- Schedule classes with letters of recommendation in mind – consecutive classes with the same professor, lab sections the professor is in charge of, research or extra-curricular activities which the professor is involved in etc.
- Make sure your letters of recommendation are in early

Medical School:

Time: 4 years plus residency

Route: MD or DO

Structure: Pre-clinical then clinical years

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/> - National organization which most applications are sent through

<https://www.uthsc.edu/Medicine/Admissions/index.php> - UT College of Medicine Prospective Student Site

<https://www.utcomchatt.org/> - UT College of Medicine Chattanooga Site