

Medical School Application Timeline

This timeline is intended to act as a guide for students. Specific dates and timelines are program dependent. Students are encouraged to begin application planning two years prior to their intended matriculation date.

Preparing to Apply (September - April)

- Develop and finalize a list of medical schools
- Request letters of recommendation
- Study for the MCAT
- Begin drafting personal statement
- Begin gathering application materials

Primary Applications (May - July)

- Take the MCAT
 - Plan testing date around completion of pre-med coursework, especially Biochemistry
 - Plan to take the exam no later than July
- Begin primary applications
 - AMCAS (MD Programs)
 - AACOMAS (DO Programs)

Secondary Applications (July - September)

- Submit secondary applications
 - Aim to submit secondary application within two weeks of receiving them

Interviews (September - April)

- Monitor email for information about interviews
- Prepare for and attend interviews

Admissions Decisions are Sent (October - May)

- Monitor application portals and email for admissions decisions
- Complete required next steps for accepted programs

Important: Many MD and DO programs have rolling admissions. Applications are reviewed as they are received, so submitting applications as early as possible is encouraged.