



**REQUIREMENTS FOR
CONSIDERATION FOR ADMISSION
FALL 2013**

**OFFICE OF MEDICAL COLLEGE
ADMISSIONS (MC 783)**

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GENERAL

The University of Illinois College of Medicine offers an educational program of study leading to a Doctorate of Medicine degree. The college fulfills its responsibilities to the changing needs of society by selecting applicants who, in the judgement of the Committee on Admissions, demonstrate the academic achievement, emotional stability, maturity, integrity, and motivation necessary for the successful study and practice of medicine and who will best meet the needs of the citizenry. In addition, the committee looks for applicants who will contribute academic, nonacademic, and socioeconomic diversity to the first-year class. The Committee on Admissions is interested in evidence of capacity for mature and independent scholarship and discourages rigid patterns of course work. Applicants will be considered on the merits of each case and will be reviewed by the Committee on Admissions to determine their ability to successfully complete the curriculum. Regardless of race, creed, color, age, disability, sex, national origin, or status as disabled veteran or veteran of Vietnam era, the committee will consider the quality of work of each applicant in all areas—the breadth of education, achievement in advanced projects, or work experience—that demonstrates the applicant's responsibility, initiative, and creativity.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

A student seeking admission to the College of Medicine may have elected any major field of study in the undergraduate sphere. **Courses must be completed by the time of matriculation, but not necessarily at the time of application.**

A. Biological and Physical Sciences (Required)

The study of medicine entails the rigorous and systematic learning of advanced biomedical sciences. Thus, an entering student must have already developed a solid foundation in the biological and physical sciences. The following courses are required:

- Two (2) courses of general biological sciences or equivalent with laboratory.
- Two (2) courses of general inorganic chemistry or equivalent with laboratory.
- Two (2) courses of organic chemistry with an accompanying laboratory.
- Note: One (1) course of introductory biochemistry may substitute for the second organic chemistry.
- Two (2) courses of general physics with laboratory.
- One (1) course of advanced-level biology.

B. Behavioral Sciences (Required)

Physicians apply psychological and behavioral principles to their work with patients, families, and communities. The humanistic aspects of medicine requires physicians to be sensitive to a variety of socially and culturally based conceptions of health and illness. A thorough understanding of individual and social behavior and culture is just as important to the successful study and practice of medicine as the biological and physical sciences. The following courses are required:

Candidates must complete three courses in the Behavioral/Social Sciences (for example: Psychology, Anthropology, Economics, Gender Studies, or Sociology). Two of the three courses must be in the same field of study. Other behavioral or social science courses will be considered to fulfill this requirement. Applicants must provide documentation on the content of such courses to be given consideration.

Minimum Degree (Required): A baccalaureate degree must be earned prior to the anticipated enrollment.

Application Requirements

1. All candidates must take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) no later than September 2012 and no more than three years prior to enrollment.
2. All applicants must complete an application to the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) no later than November 1 (www.aamc.org).
3. The Office of Medical College Admissions (OMCA), upon receipt of the AMCAS application, will e-mail eligible applicants the Web address to locate our Supplemental Information Application, which is to be completed and returned to the OMCA. Materials must be postmarked by December 1.

4. Letters of Recommendation

AMCAS is now accepting Letters of Evaluation/Recommendation for UIC College of Medicine. This service enables UIC College of Medicine to receive letters electronically via AMCAS. All letters submitted must be submitted to AMCAS. Any letters received at the UIC College of Medicine will not be accepted, will not be placed in your application file, nor will they be retained in any other form.

There are several mediums in which a letter writer can send your letters to AMCAS. AMCAS will receive letters for users of Virtual Evals, Interfolio, and via e-mail. In addition, letter writers who currently mail letters can opt to upload letters directly to AMCAS through the AMCAS Letter Waiver Application.

Your letter writer should include the AMCAS Letter Request form when sending your letter in order to guarantee that your letter is currently matched to your application. Please note that the letter writer must include your AAMC ID and AMCAS Letter ID (can be found on the AMCAS Letter Request form). The mailing address to which letters of evaluation should be mailed will also appear on the AMCAS Letter Request form.

University of Illinois College of Medicine requires a minimum premedical committee evaluation OR minimum three letters from instructors (any field of study) from whom the candidate has taken courses. One of the letters can be from a research mentor. These letters should critically evaluate the candidate's academic ability, strengths and weaknesses, motivation for medicine, maturity, difficulty of course work, and special attributes and assets. Personal letters of recommendation are **not** acceptable. If you are currently enrolled in a graduate program or professional school, one letter must be from a faculty member at the graduate or professional school.

5. Applicants to the College of Medicine must be U.S. citizens or possess a permanent resident immigrant visa at the time the application is submitted to AMCAS.
6. For applicants considered eligible by the Committee on Admissions, an interview will be required and will be arranged by the College of Medicine.
7. A cumulative grade point average is computed from the materials submitted to AMCAS for each applicant to facilitate evaluation of academic achievement.

In addition to the overall academic record, the committee considers personal characteristics, such as motivation and communication skills. The committee also seeks to identify those applicants who will contribute diversity and heterogeneity to the class.