

Application Resources Medicine

- Association of American Medical Colleges:** <https://www.aamc.org/>
- American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine:** <http://www.aacom.org/>
- Instructions and FAQs:**
 - **MD-** <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/faq/amcas-faq/>
 - **DO-** <http://help.unicas.com:8888/aacomasHelpPages/instructions/index.html>
- Program Directory:** Research specific schools to select ones that are a good match for you.
 - **MD– Medical School Admissions Requirements (MSAR):** <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/applying-medical-school-process/deciding-where-apply/medical-school-admission-requirements/>
The Career Center offers free access to the MSAR in the Resource Center.
 - **DO- College Information Book:** <http://www.aacom.org/news-and-events/publications/cib>
- Application Systems:**
 - The AMCAS application for allopathic medical schools opens May 2, 2017. You can begin submitting the application June 1st. The cost for AMCAS application is \$160 for one medical school designation. Sending to additional schools will cost \$38 per program.
 - The application for AACOMAS opens on May 4, 2017 for you to work on the application. You can submit your application at any point after AACOMAS opens. The cost for the AACOMAS application is \$195 for the first program you apply to. Any additional programs you choose to apply to will cost \$40.
- Fee assistance:** A limited number of fee waivers are available for qualified applicants. Submit request for assistance BEFORE submitting application. See AMCAS or AACOMAS instruction manual for details.
- Social Media:** Follow AAMC Pre-Med <https://www.facebook.com/aamcpremed/> and @AAMCPreMed for MD. Follow AACOMAS <https://www.facebook.com/AACOMAS/> and @AACOMAS for DO.
- MCAT:** <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/>.
The MCAT has limited offerings throughout the year, and costs \$305 to register. Test takers receive scores within a month of completing the exam.
- Transcripts:** Order transcripts through the Office of the Registrar <http://registrar.illinois.edu/transcripts>. Submit your request form when you place your order. Make sure you order transcripts from each institution attended.
- Potential letter writers.** Schedule a meeting with them or provide them with information about you (resume, personal statement, etc.). Make sure to tell them they will receive an e-mail from the application service to complete their evaluation. You may also want to provide your letter writers with resources on what to include in their letter. Check the instruction manual for how many individual letters are allowed. UIUC does not provide a committee or composite letter.
- Letters:** Consider using Interfolio as a letter storage service. www.interfolio.com/products/dossier/



Application Tips

- Verification:** After submitting your application, it goes through verification, where the application service staff match manually entered coursework to official transcripts and calculate GPAs. Until you have a “complete” application, you do not enter the verification process.
- Supplemental/secondary applications.** Some programs may ask you to complete additional essays. *Make sure to answer the questions asked.* Secondary applications are often how admissions committees will distinguish which applicants have researched their programs, and how well they can communicate—beyond what has already been shared. Applicants may have applied early with primary applications, but holding onto secondary applications can have an impact, especially with schools that have a rolling admissions process.
- Coursework:** Use your academic history or unofficial transcript. Do not use DARS. Classify courses based on the content of the course.
- Proofread your entire application:** Print out a hard copy and review it for any errors or omissions.
- Demonstrate professionalism.** Your qualifications as an applicant are not solely based on official application materials—communication via email, over the phone, on interview day (even during informal interactions) can be a part of your evaluation as an applicant.
- Continue your preparation.** Keep your motivation going by continuing to be involved inside and outside of the classroom. This will allow you to have more to share in secondary essays, interviews, letters of update, or possibly in a reapplication. Keep in contact with your letter writers—they’ll want to know how you’re doing, and this will help them if you need updated letters for any reason.

Health Professions Advising & Services

- April is Application Month:** Attend these workshops to learn more about the application process. We even help you write a personal statement. Visit www.careercenter.illinois.edu for calendar of events.
- Personal Statement Reviews:** Submit your personal statement online to be reviewed. www.careercenter.illinois.edu/service/personal-statement-reviews
- Health Professions Advisors:** HP Advisors are available, even over summer, to assist you throughout the application process. Schedule a 30 minute appointment or visit us during Health Professions Advising Drop In Hours. www.careercenter.illinois.edu/service/health-professions-advising
- Mock Interviews:** Schedule a mock interview (not available over summer.) www.careercenter.illinois.edu/service/mock-interviews