THE ROAD TO ???

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR SCHOOLS

Application Bootcamp
April 22, 2018
TOP CRITERIA TO CONSIDER

• Public vs Private
• Location
• Mission
• Culture of the Student Body
• Cost/Financial Aid
• Curriculum
• Residency Placement/Board Exam Pass Rate
• Student Support Services
• Pre-Requisites Required
HOW TO RESEARCH: ARE YOU COMPETITIVE?

PROFESSION DATABASE
- MSAR (MD)
- College Info Book (DO)
- PAEA Directory (PA)
- Guide to Dental Schools
- PharmD School Directory
- PTCAS Program List (PT)
- AOTA Find a School (OT)
- ASCO Schools (Optometry)
- AVMA Colleges (Vet Med)
- ASHA EdFind (SLP/AuD)
- CPME List (Podiatry)

PROGRAM WEBSITES
- Admission Requirements
- Class Profiles
  - GPAs
  - Test Scores
  - In-State/Out-of-State
  - Experience
  - Student Age
- Values/Mission of Program

OTHER
- Admission Visit Days
- On-Campus Recruiters
- Alumni
- Health Profession Advisors
PROFESSION DATABASES

Examples of Profiles: MSAR
PROFESSION DATABASES

Examples of Profiles: PAEA Directory
**REQUIRED COURSES**

The courses below are required for admission; you may apply while coursework is in progress. Coursework completion is required prior to matriculation, and pending coursework during the application cycle is acceptable.

- Biology/zoolgy – any 8 semester hours of biology coursework, preferably with lab
- General chemistry – any 8 semester hours of general chemistry, preferably with lab
- Organic chemistry – any 4 semester hours of organic chemistry coursework, preferably with lab
- Biochemistry – any 3 semester hour course in biochemistry
- Physics – any 8 semester hours of physics coursework, preferably with lab (may also substitute 3 semester hours of Statistics)
- English, English composition, speech, or literature – any 6 semester hours of coursework from these subject areas listed

Other recommended courses may include cell biology, microbiology, immunology, physiology, and anatomy

**EXPOSURE TO MEDICINE**

All applicants must have exposure to medicine documented in a letter of recommendation from a health care provider. Exposure is required so applicants will have already determined whether the osteopathic medical profession is right for them. This experience can be paid or volunteer. To establish a mentoring or shadowing relationship with an osteopathic physician, visit the American Osteopathic Association website.

**Coursework**

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**Grades**

- Grades of "C" or better (grades of "C-" are not acceptable)
- To receive a supplemental application, students must have minimum cumulative and BCP science GPAs of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale, as calculated by AADSAS

**Experience**

- Scores on the DAT must be submitted directly to AADSAS
- Scores in the area of 18 or higher will be expected for the Academic Average, Reading Comprehension, Perceptual Ability, and Total Science sections
- Only DAT exam scores earned from tests taken no more than three years prior to matriculation are acceptable

**Test Scores**

- Two letters of recommendation
  - One must be from either a preclinical advisory committee or a science professor
  - The CIMG prefers other letters from either someone with a D.O./M.D. or D.D.S./D.M.D. degree and/or professionals who can testify to the integrity and ethical standards of the applicant
  - Letters written by immediate family members are not acceptable
  - All letters of evaluation must be submitted directly by the evaluator to AADSAS

**Examples of Profiles: Admission Requirements (2 schools)**

- Admission Requirements 1
- Admission Requirements 2
What to Look For

- Avg/Mean GPAs
- Avg/Mean Test Scores
- Range GPAs & Test Scores
- Experience
- Age Range
- State Residency

Recent Admissions Statistics

The competitive applicant at our college in recent years has had:

- An average Cumulative GPA of 3.59
- An average Science GPA of 3.49
- An average GRE composite percentile of 63%
- A wide variety of experience with both large and small animals
- Experience working for several veterinarians (No specific number of contact hours is required for admission.)

Approximately 130 students each year are accepted to the professional program leading to the DVM degree.

- Approximately 70 are Illinois resident applicants.
- Approximately 60 are non-resident applicants.
WHO CAN YOU TALK TO?

• Admission Representatives
  • Call, Email, Online Chat
  • Attend On-Campus Info Sessions
  • Visit Days

• Alumni or Current Students

• Health Profession Advisors
**ACTIVITY**

**Preliminary School List**

- **Geography**
  - Where in the US have you spent time in the past?
  - In what areas do you have personal ties?
  - Are there other location factors that you’re considering in your application?

- **Mission**
  - Which mission statement is most appealing to you and why?
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Preliminary School List

Extra-Curriculars

• Are there student organizations/activities that you seek in health profession school?

Academic Focus

• Choose up to 3 interest areas
ACTIVITY

Preliminary School List

Guiding Factors

• What factors are guiding your school selections (location, cost, mission, experiences, etc.)?

Top 5

• List 5 schools you are interested in applying to
HEALTH PROFESSION SERVICES

Health Professions Advising

Drop-In Advising (Tues/Fri)

Personal Statement Reviews

Mock Interviews

Application Work Groups:
- May 14, 3-5 pm
- May 17, 3-5 pm
- May 30, 2-4 pm