



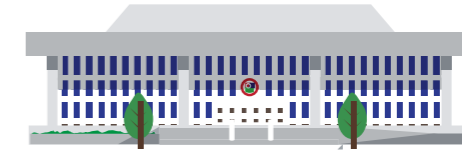
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Preparing for Medicine



THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE



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At The Ohio State University College of Medicine, our mission is to train the most compassionate and brightest physicians and prepare them to serve the diverse and changing needs of patients and communities.

Watch first-hand accounts from current medical students to see why they made the right decision in choosing Ohio State to achieve their dreams of becoming doctors.

Visit medicine.osu.edu/mydecision

Degree programs

MD Program

The Ohio State University College of Medicine is recognized as a leader in medical education, offering an innovative, competency-based curriculum and unique research opportunities for students. Our innovative Lead.Serve.Inspire. curriculum integrates foundational science with early patient interaction and longitudinal clinical practice, supported by the vast resources of an academic health center.

medicine.osu.edu/MDprogram

Three-Year Primary Track

Our Three-Year Primary Care Track (OSU-PCT) is for students interested in a career in Family Medicine.

Approved through the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), this three-year program culminates in the MD.

- An accelerated curriculum leading to the MD degree in three years
- Tuition scholarship, covering up to 50% of in-state tuition all three years
- Directed pathway into the Ohio State Family Medicine Residency Program, assuming all requirements are completed and you wish to remain at Ohio State
- Completion of medical school and residency training in Family Medicine in six years

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Community Medicine MD Track

Ohio State's Community Medicine MD Track (CMT) will prepare you for a successful career in community medicine practicing any specialty. It leverages the innovative medical education of The Ohio State University College of Medicine with the community care expertise of Bon Secours Mercy Health to train physicians who want to practice community medicine in a community-based setting. This track will not only address the clinical issues relevant to caring for patients in rural and smaller communities but will also provide extra emphasis on leadership development and community engagement.

For more information and details on how to apply, visit medicine.osu.edu/cmt

Dual degrees

Ohio State offers several outstanding options for students who wish to combine their medical degree with an additional degree in a separate graduate program.

The college's **MD/PhD** program, known as the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP), is designed to recruit, train and nurture physician-scientists who will become leaders in the health professions.

For more information and details on how to apply, visit medicine.osu.edu/mstp

Additionally, Ohio State offers dual degrees for **MD/MPH**, **MD/MBA**, **MD/MHA** and **MD/JD**.

Learn more about all our degree programs at medicine.osu.edu/education

Before you apply

To prepare for medical school, you should seek courses that will help you develop skills in independent thinking and decision making. Courses that demand active involvement in research and independent study projects help to foster these attributes. You may major in any subject you choose, but you must complete the prerequisite courses listed below prior to enrollment.

Required premedical coursework

- **Biochemistry:** one semester/quarter-long introductory or higher-level course
- **Biology:** one year
- **General chemistry:** one year that consists of a general chemistry series, including laboratory work (incorporating both quantitative and qualitative analysis or equivalent)
- **Organic chemistry:** one year of an organic chemistry series that includes one year of a lab experience or equivalent
- **Physics:** one year with a laboratory experience

Note: *Students applying to the Primary Care Track (PCT) three-year program must complete all required prerequisite courses by the first week of July before the start of their program.*

Recommended premedical coursework

- **Anatomy:** one semester/quarter-long introductory or higher-level course in anatomy
- **Writing/speech:** courses that emphasize written and verbal communication. Applicants are required to demonstrate spoken, auditory, reading and writing proficiency in the English language
- **Social sciences:** courses such as psychology, sociology, anthropology, economics, etc.
- **Humanities:** courses in art, music, drama, literature, languages, etc.
- **Diversity:** courses that focus on the culture, history and/or current circumstances of different populations
- **Ethics:** courses that address questions and issues related to morality and moral behavior, which may include meta-ethics, normative ethics, applied ethics, moral psychology, descriptive ethics and others



A competitive application

The goal of the Ohio State College of Medicine is to form a balanced, diverse group of students who excel in both the art and science of medicine. A diverse student body promotes an atmosphere of creativity, experimentation and discussion that's conducive to learning. An understanding of and appreciation for a variety of experiences and perspectives prepare students to care for patients from any racial, ethnic or socioeconomic background.

Along with your grades and test scores, you'll be judged on how well you can balance outside activities and responsibilities with schoolwork as an indicator of your ability to deal with the rigors of life as a physician. Commitment to community service and ethical behavior, along with compassion, leadership ability and communication skills, are characteristics we seek in our medical students.

Health care-related experience

As a medical school candidate, you're expected to spend enough time in a clinical setting to understand the challenges and demands of the lifestyle you'll encounter as a physician. Experience with patients can be gained through volunteer work in hospitals, emergency departments, homeless clinics or extended care facilities. Given the challenges of the viral pandemic, we also consider virtual experiences within the health care setting such as telehealth and virtual shadowing.

Community/volunteer service

Shadowing a physician is a good way to learn what it's like to practice medicine in a clinical setting. However, it's not the only way. Serving as a hospice volunteer is a good way to understand the challenges involved in caring for a dying patient and interacting with the patient's family. Serving as an entry-level volunteer emergency medical technician (EMT) will expose you to a variety of medical conditions. Taking a crash course as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) is a great way to earn additional income and get hands-on practice while spending time in a clinical environment. Or try working as a hospital scribe in an emergency department, assisting the on-call physician with information gathering and documentation.

Tips for success

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Spend time in a clinical setting to understand the challenges and demands of the lifestyle you will encounter as a physician.

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Demonstrate a commitment to the community by involving yourself in service and volunteer activities.

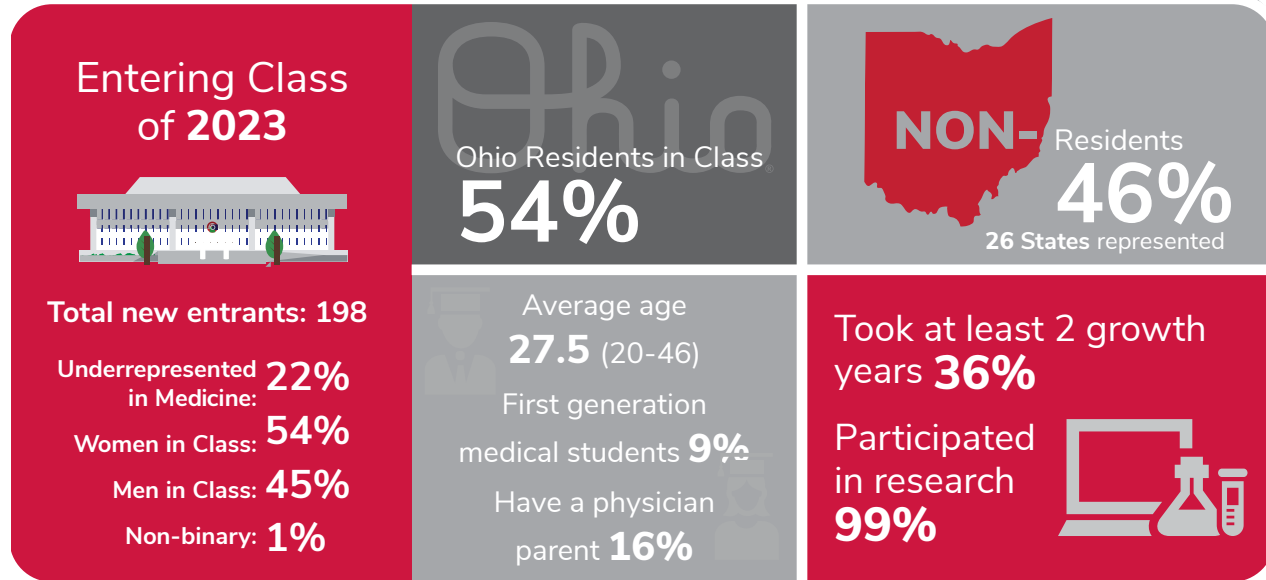
RESEARCH

Engage in research activities to broaden your understanding of the foundations of medical knowledge and to stay abreast of the current medical literature.

LEADERSHIP

Participate in work, community or school organizations to gain experience in becoming an effective leader.

Class profile



Research

We consider participation in research activities to be an important part of preparing for medical school. As a future physician, you'll depend on medical literature to remain current in your field. Research experience may be gained in any discipline and performed at any site. You should be prepared to describe your projects, answer any questions being asked in the research and explain your role in the conduct of the research. Research performed as part of a course requirement or a senior thesis project is acceptable.

Leadership ability

Dedication, determination, decision making, communication skills, teamwork and a willingness to contribute to the welfare of others are characteristics of effective leaders. They're also indicators of one's ability to succeed in medicine. Leadership experience can be gained in a variety of ways, including participation in work, community or school organizations.

Extracurricular activities

The Admissions Committee is interested in how applicants deal with the demands of their lives outside the classroom. Your ability to juggle these challenges is a strong indicator of how well you'll handle responsibilities, stress and the demands of medical school.

How to apply

Admission to the Ohio State College of Medicine is highly competitive, based on academic success, performance on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), participation in health care-related experiences, commitment to community service, letters of recommendation and a personal interview.

American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS)

Students who intend to apply to The Ohio State University College of Medicine should initiate their application through AMCAS, a nonprofit, centralized application processing service only available to applicants entering their first year at participating medical schools.

Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)

The MCAT is a standardized test required for admission to the Ohio State College of Medicine. MCAT scores and grades are carefully considered and are an important part of the application process. Scores will be accepted from tests three years prior to application. For the class entering medical school in 2023, scores will be accepted from tests taken in January 2019 through September 2022.

Grade point average (GPA)

Grades are considered in the context of difficulty and rigor of the applicant's major.

Letters of evaluation

You should request letters of evaluation from professors, supervisors or other individuals who know you well and can accurately comment on your qualifications for medical school. It's important that those who write the letters clearly indicate whether they taught or supervised you and the length of time they have known you. The letters of evaluation are only received through the AMCAS letter service. More information about this process is available at aamc.org.

Academic letters

The Ohio State College of Medicine requires two academic letters from professors who have taught you and assigned a grade for credit in the course. One letter should come from a professor who taught you in a science course. A premedical committee composite letter satisfies this requirement. If you're a Medical Scientist Training Program applicant, you must submit two additional evaluation letters describing your research experience and qualifications.

Personal/professional experience letters

It's strongly recommended that you provide additional letters from individuals outside the classroom setting, such as supervisors and/or managers, or individuals from community and volunteer service, clinical and/or research experience.

Secondary application

If you designate The Ohio State University on the electronic AMCAS application, you'll receive an email providing instructions for accessing your status page and secondary application.

- **Application fee – \$80**
Application fees are paid electronically, upon submission of the secondary application.
- **Secondary application essays**
In addition to the personal statement provided on the AMCAS application, we require responses to additional essay questions. The personal statement from your AMCAS application will not be accepted as part of your secondary application. Students applying to the three-year Primary Care Track should submit two additional essays with their application.

Primary care track and Community Medicine MD track

Applicants to these programs must first designate The Ohio State University on the electronic AMCAS application and select "Regular MD" as the application type. Applicants are not permitted to apply to both the standard, four-year MD program and the Primary Care Track or Community Medicine; applicants may choose only one of these programs.

Interested students must contact threeyeartrack@osumc.edu or communitymedicinetrack@osumc.edu for instructions on how to apply to OSU-PCT or CMT.

Interviews

You will have two (2) interviews — one with a faculty member and one with a current medical student or a resident physician.

Interviewers will explore your motivation for seeking a medical degree and assess your skill sets, including problem solving and interpersonal skills, as well as an understanding of the medical profession.

Ohio State prides itself on holistically reviewing candidates. While your metrics are an important component of your application, your experiences and attributes make you who you are and can foreshow your capabilities of being a physician. Applicants who are interviewed will be presented to the Admissions Committee, comprising Ohio State College of Medicine faculty, medical students, resident physicians and community physicians. You'll be notified of the committee's decision through your status page within approximately two weeks after the interview date.

Wait list

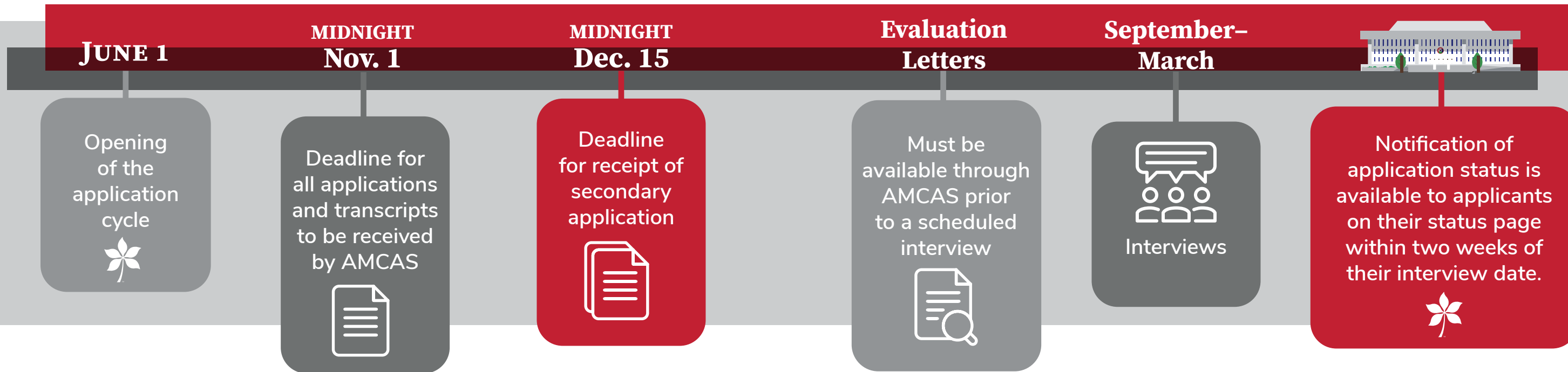
Applicants on the college's wait list may be offered acceptance up to and including the first day of school. You may withdraw from the wait list by notifying the Ohio State College of Medicine Office of Admissions in writing.

Reapplying

Each year the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available spots. This results in a large number of applicants who will reapply to medical school. We recommend that you make significant changes in more than one area and update your personal statements before reapplying. Evaluation letters must be submitted to the AMCAS Letter Service each application year. Letters from previous applications are NOT transferred from one application year to the next. Letters written in support of the current application carry more influence with the Admissions Committee than do letters written in previous years for prior applications. One or two new letters submitted on your behalf are expected. Application may be made for three consecutive years.

For tips on reapplying, visit medicine.osu.edu/MDtips

Application timeline



Selection process

Acceptance

The Ohio State University College of Medicine operates on a rolling admission cycle, where the Admissions Committee makes decisions every two weeks after Oct. 15, until the end of the cycle. Applicants who are not selected for admission remain in consideration for all subsequent Admissions Committee meetings until April.

Accepted students are asked to pay a \$25 nonrefundable acceptance fee to secure their seat in the program, once they have reached their final decision regarding matriculation. An official transcript is required after acceptance from every college or university attended, with degree(s) posted upon enrollment.

Applicants are required to demonstrate spoken, auditory, reading and writing proficiency in the English language. If you indicate that English is your second language or have been recommended for assessment after interview by the Admissions Committee, you may be given a one-year deferred admission in order to establish competency through appropriate English coursework. If competency is not reached after one year, you will be removed from consideration for admission.

The Ohio State College of Medicine is committed to providing the public with well-trained physicians who possess high moral character and standards. The college requires a criminal background check and drug testing prior to matriculation. The purpose of this policy is to assist all our students in becoming licensed physicians, to protect property and to help ensure a safe environment for patients, employees, visitors and the general public. Background checks and drug testing will be performed only after the applicant has been accepted into the Ohio State College of Medicine.

Transfer policy

Due to the integrated nature of the Lead.Serve.Inspire. curriculum, the Ohio State College of Medicine does not routinely accept Advanced Standing Transfer students except in rare cases of compelling and compassionate circumstances.

For more information about this policy, visit medicine.osu.edu/beforeyouapply.

Application checklist

- ✓ **Prerequisite Courses**
General chemistry with lab, organic chemistry with lab, biochemistry, physics with lab, biology
- ✓ **Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)**
- ✓ **Recommendation Letters (two academic required)**
- ✓ **Official Transcripts**
- ✓ **Secondary Application**

For more information

Visit AAMC's home page at aamc.org for access to complete information on the following topics:

- Taking the MCAT
- Applying to Med School with AMCAS
- Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)
- Fee Assistance Program



Financing your medical education

Financial aid and scholarships

The Ohio State College of Medicine ranks in the top 30% in the amount of gift funding awarded, which includes scholarships and grants, across the United States. This substantial level of scholarship support, coupled with the affordable cost of living in Columbus, allows our students to graduate with student loan debt significantly below the national average for medical school graduates.

Scholarships are based on merit, academic achievement, leadership, professionalism and other criteria. These are available through The Ohio State University, the Ohio State College of Medicine, alumni endowments, and private and publicly funded organizations. In 2022, 82% of students received at least one grant or scholarship from the College of Medicine or from the university in their financial aid package.

Out-of-state friendly

The Ohio State College of Medicine strives to have about half of our incoming class of students from outside of Ohio. As an out-of-state student, you get the benefit of applying for in-state residency after your first year. Once established, you can lower your annual tuition by as much as 43% for the remaining three years of your medical education.

Major components of Ohio residency for in-state tuition include:

- Physical presence in Ohio
- Contribution to Ohio taxes
- Eligibility to remain in the U.S. on a permanent basis

If you choose not to establish Ohio residency, in an effort to lo lower student loan debt, the College of Medicine has reduced the out-of-state surcharge for third- and fourth-year medical students.

For more information on financial services, visit medicine.osu.edu/cost.



Living in Columbus, Ohio

The cost of attending medical school goes beyond tuition. Another aspect to consider is the cost of living. With a population of almost 1 million, Columbus is also one of the most affordable cities in the Midwest. Compared to the U.S. average, Columbus ranks in the top 10 most affordable large cities, meaning dollars earned stretch further here than in other high-cost metros.

Combining a lower cost of living with a thriving health care landscape creates a perfect environment for medical students. The Columbus region boasts four world-renowned, award-winning health care systems, including The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Nationwide Children's Hospital, OhioHealth and Mount Carmel. In addition, *U.S. News & World Report* consistently ranks Columbus' health care among the best in the country, and nearly all our hospital systems and medical, research and bioscience facilities receive national attention.

Explore what Columbus has to offer at visit.osu.edu/experience.





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