

Successful Program Completion Criteria Information

A goal of the Medical Careers Pathway (MEDPATH) Post Baccalaureate Program is to prepare students for medical school and assure the development of a strong academic science base. A solid foundation in biology, chemistry, and physics can enhance the preparation for the upper level science courses and impact future performance on the United States Medical Licensure Exams (USMLE). Students admitted to the MEDPATH Program must satisfy the following requirements by the conclusion of the program in order to matriculate into The OSU College of Medicine:

1. Attend the two-week orientation held in August;
2. Follow the individual academic plan, as designed by MEDPATH staff and student;
3. Attend all MCAT preparation course sections and complete all corresponding course assignments, achieving an overall grade of "Satisfactory";
 - a. An MCAT preparation course is incorporated into the spring semester curriculum of the Program. The course will emphasize test-taking skills which can prove helpful not only with the MCAT but also for future testing situations during your time in the College.
4. Comply with the noncognitive standards, as set forth by the OSU College of Medicine (See Section 8: Professionalism, <http://medicine.osu.edu/students/life/resources/handbook/Documents/8-Professionalism11-12.pdf>).¹
5. Take the MCAT by April/during spring semester as arranged by the MEDPATH Program, post a passing MCAT score of ≥ 24 on the first attempt on that scheduled test date and achieve/exceed a 3.0 MEDPATH GPA to be eligible to matriculate into Med-1.
6. Meet or exceed a minimum passing score of 70 percent in the Summer Pre-Entry Program²;
7. MEDPATH participants are subject to all relevant College of Medicine policies. (See Section 7: Academic, Noncognitive, and Professionalism Review Process, <http://medicine.osu.edu/students/life/resources/handbook/Documents/7-Review%20Process11-12.pdf>)

Students who are dismissed from the MEDPATH Post Baccalaureate Program will not be eligible to repeat the year or to reapply to the Program.

Working while enrolled in the MEDPATH Post Baccalaureate Program is strongly discouraged. However, if a student must be employed during the Program, hours should be limited to no more than 20 per week.

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¹ Failure to comply with Items 1 – 4 may result in a recommendation for dismissal from the MEDPATH Program and referral to the appropriate College of Medicine review body. Satisfactory completion of all components of the MEDPATH Program is required to maintain conditional admission to the OSU College of Medicine.

² Failure to meet the minimum MCAT score/GPA and/or the minimum passing score required in the Summer Pre-Entry Program (Items 5 and 6) will result in dismissal from the MEDPATH Post Baccalaureate Program and ultimately the rescinding of the offer of conditional admission to the OSU College of Medicine.