

Successful Program Completion Criteria

A goal of the Medical Careers Pathway (MEDPATH) postbaccalaureate 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 to matriculate into The OSU College of Medicine.

1. Attend the week-long orientation held in August, and semester one-on-ones held each Autumn, Spring, and Summer.
2. Follow the individual academic plan, as designed by MEDPATH staff and student.
 - a. Attend scheduled semester cohort meetings;
 - b. Attend scheduled Autumn, Spring, and Summer semester one-on-one meetings with program staff.
3. Attend all MCAT preparation course sections and complete all corresponding course assignments, achieving an overall grade of "Satisfactory". This includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Completing The Princeton Review baseline assessment no later than the first week of January,
 - b. Attain a practice score of greater than the 51st percentile on two AAMC practice exams by March,
 - c. Maintain attendance of greater than 50 percent for the course's duration.
4. Comply with the professionalism standards, as set forth by the OSU College of Medicine (See Section 8: [Professionalism Standards](#)).¹
5. Obtain a total MCAT score of \geq the 51st percentile on the May 2026 administration.²
6. Meet or exceed a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better by the end of Spring Semester 2026 with a full course load Autumn and Spring semesters.
7. Meet or exceed the minimum cumulative passing score of 70 percent in the Summer Pre - Entry Program.³
8. MEDPATH participants who do not meet the professionalism standards as set forth by the College of Medicine are subject to all relevant College of Medicine policies. (See Section 7: [Academic, Noncognitive, and Professionalism Review Process](#))

Students who do not meet the MEDPATH postbaccalaureate program Successful Program Completion Criteria or who are dismissed from the MEDPATH postbaccalaureate program will not be eligible to repeat the year or reapply to the program.

Working while enrolled in the MEDPATH postbaccalaureate program is strongly discouraged. However, if a student must be employed during the program, hours should not exceed 20 hours per week. For more information contact us:

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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 acceptance to the OSU College of Medicine.

² The MCAT score percentile retake minimum is established May 1 of the current program year per the AAMC Percentile Ranks calculation.

³ Failure to meet the minimum MCAT score, GPA and/or the minimum passing score required in the Summer Pre-Entry Program (Items 5 - 7) will result in dismissal from the MEDPATH postbaccalaureate program and ultimately the rescinding of the offer of conditional acceptance to the OSU College of Medicine.