Applications may be submitted to AMCAS. Applicants need to provide their academic letters and a personal interview. Application fees are paid electronically, upon submission of application. Application Status and Decision Notification of application status is available to applicants on their status page. Admissions decisions are available on their status page within two weeks of their interview date.

Grade Point Average (GPA)—Grades are considered in the context of difficulty and rigor of the applicant’s major. The applicant’s GPA will be compared to the average GPA of students accepted into the most recent class.

American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) Application—The Ohio State University College of Medicine utilizes the AMCAS service. AMCAS is a non-profit, centralized application processing service that allows applicants to apply to multiple schools of medicine with a single application. Participation in health-related experiences, letters of recommendation and a personal interview.

Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)—The MCAT is a standardized test required for admission to medical school. MCAT scores and grades are carefully scrutinized and are an important part of the applicant’s application. For the class entering medical school, MCAT scores will be accepted from tests taken in 2012, 2011, and 2010. For more information regarding the MCAT, visit the following website: www.ama.org, email medical_admissions@AMA. org, or call 877-337-1357.

Secondary Application Essays: In addition to the personal comments provided on the AMCAS application, we require responses to additional essay questions. The personal comments from your AMCAS application will not be accepted as part of your secondary materials.

Letters of Recommendation: Applicants should request letters from professors, supervisors or individuals who know them well and can accurately comment on their qualifications for medical school. It is important that those who write the letters clearly indicate whether they taught or supervised the applicant and the length of time they have known them. The College of Medicine requires two Academic and two Professional Experience letters. The letters of recommendation are received through the AMCAS service. More information about this process is available at www.ama.org/students/amcas/Reference_Letters.htm. Academic Letters: Submit two (2) letters from professors in any course who have taught the applicant and assisted them in ways that are relevant to the academic or professional experience and accommodations that make them a quality candidate to pursue medical school.

Leadership Ability—Dedication, determination, decision making and communication skills, teamwork and the willingness to contribute to the team make applicants more competitive. Leadership experience can be gained in a variety of ways, including participation in work, church, community or school organizations.

Community/Volunteer Service—The medical profession is strongly committed to serving the community. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to the community by involving themselves in service and volunteer activities.

Extracurricular Activities—The Admissions Committee is interested in how applicants deal with the lines outside the classroom; their ability to handle these challenges is a strong indicator of how well they will handle responsibilities, stress and the demands of medical school.

Clinical Experience—Applicants are expected to spend sufficient time in a clinical setting to understand the challenges and demands of the lifestyle they will encounter as physicians. Experience with patient exposure can be gained through volunteer work in hospitals, emergency rooms, homeless clinics or extended care facilities.

Research—Research is the foundation of medical knowledge. We consider participation in research activities to be an important part of the preparation for medical school. Physician-scientists are capable of excelling in both the art and science of medicine. A diverse research experience promotes an atmosphere of creativity, experimentation and discussion that is conducive to learning. An understanding and appreciation for a variety of experiences and perspectives prepares students for care to patients from any racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background.

Presenting a Competitive Application The goal of Ohio State’s College of Medicine is to select students who are capable and engaged in order to form a balanced, diverse group capable of excelling in both the art and science of medicine. A diverse research experience promotes an atmosphere of creativity, experimentation and discussion that is conducive to learning. An understanding and appreciation for a variety of experiences and perspectives prepares students for care to patients from any racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background.

Along with excellent grades and test scores, applicants are judged on how well they can carry out their responsibilities and activities with scholarship as an indicator of their 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 future physicians.

The Application Process Admission to the College of Medicine is highly competitive, based on academic success, performance on the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), participation in health-related experiences, letters of recommendation and a personal interview.

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The Application deadlines for the 2012-2013 academic year.

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Reapplying—Each year the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available positions. This results in a large number of applicants who will not offer the Advance Standing Program beginning with the fall 2012 term. Applicants who write the letters clearly indicate whether they taught or supervised the applicant and the length of time they have known them.

The Admissions Committee uses a variety of factors to evaluate applicants for the Physician Assistant Program. These factors include academic performance, professional experience, and personal qualities.

Additional Information—Applicants may be offered acceptance up to and including the first day of school. Applicants can withdraw from the alternate list by notifying the College of Medicine Office of Admissions in writing.

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Acceptance
Once an applicant has received an offer of acceptance, he or she will have two weeks to accept or decline the offer of a position in our incoming class. The acceptance form and fee must be returned by May 15. The College of Medicine requires an official transcript 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. Applicants who indicate that English is their second language or have been recommended for assessment after interview by the Admissions Committee may be given a one-year deferred admission in order to establish competency through appropriate English course work. If competency is not reached after one year, the applicant will be removed from consideration for admission.

The 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 College of Medicine.

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www.humanism-in-medicine.org
mdapplicants.com
www.studentdoctor.net
Student Handbook: medicine.osu.edu/students/life/resources/handbook/Pages/index.aspx

Academic Coursework
Students interested in entering medical school should seek courses that will help develop skills in independent thinking and decision-making. Courses that demand active involvement in research and independent study projects help to foster these attributes. Students planning to apply to medical school may major in any subject they choose but must complete the following prerequisite courses prior to enrollment.

Required Premedical Coursework
- Anatomy: One semester/quarter-long introductory or high-level course in anatomy (human anatomy is preferred but not required; other options will be considered). For more information, visit our website at medicine.osu.edu/students/admissions.
- Biology: One year
- General Chemistry: One year that consists of a general chemistry series, including laboratory work (incorporating both quantitative and qualitative analysis)
- Biochemistry: One semester/quarter-long introductory or high-level course

Our Mission
The mission of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is to improve people’s lives through innovation in research, education and patient care. Ohio State’s College of Medicine aims to prepare students for the practice of medicine now and in the future. We look for academically capable students who are ready to tackle the challenges of a rigorous curriculum and who are caring, humanistic and compassionate in delivering the medical care they are trained to provide. Successful students are self-directed learners, innovative and forward thinking.

Recommended Premedical Coursework
- 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 history, economics, anthropology, psychology, 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 that may include meta-ethics, normative ethics, applied ethics, moral psychology, descriptive ethics, etc.