



OVERVIEW

The Ohio State University College of Medicine Medical Careers Pathway Post Baccalaureate Program (MEDPATH) is a one year program aimed at developing and enriching the academic knowledge base and skills of students prior to their entrance into medical school. The program allows students to become more competitive and successful in the medical school environment. Increasing the number of students from underrepresented in medicine and economically disadvantaged backgrounds who graduate from medical school is a major goal of MEDPATH.

Program

The Post Baccalaureate Program begins in August with a two-week science review and testing in biology, chemistry, and physics to determine the appropriate level of science courses each student should take during the academic year. Students are also provided with assessment and instruction in reading, writing, learning strategies, test-taking and problem solving.

Courses taken during the academic year (autumn and spring semesters) include, but are not limited to, biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, histology, medical terminology, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology and physiology. Tutoring sessions are provided for the most challenging courses. Community service projects, a mentoring program, and professional development sessions are integral components of the Post Baccalaureate Program.

The final six-week summer component (Pre-Entry Program) consists of instruction in human gross anatomy, cross sectional anatomy, neuroanatomy, and immunology. Conditional acceptance is awarded following successful completion.

Support

A limited number of University tuition waivers are available to students participating in MEDPATH.

Eligibility

Students who wish to be considered for referral to MEDPATH must satisfy the following criteria:

- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the Science GPA (BCPM), All Other courses GPA (AO) or Total GPA on the AMCAS Application;
- A bachelor degree by the start of the program;
- United States citizenship or permanent resident status;
- Completion of all pre-medical requirements including MCAT;
- Strong non-cognitive characteristics including emotional maturity, character sense of caring for others, communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving skills, and commitment to service.

Application Process

1. Submit a completed AMCAS application listing The Ohio State University College of Medicine as a school selection by November 1;
2. Be referred to MEDPATH by the College of Medicine Admissions Committee and complete the MEDPATH supplemental application provided via your status page;
3. Interview with the College of Medicine Admissions Committee

Deadline

November 1 at 12:00 midnight EST is the deadline for all applications to be received by AMCAS. Early applications are encouraged.

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/pages/index.aspx>).¹
5. Take the MCAT during spring semester as arranged by the MEDPATH Program, post a passing MCAT score of ≥ 25 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/pages/index.aspx>)

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