

# CLAS Academic Advising Center

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## Allopathic (MD) Medical School Application Process

Check your email regularly and make sure your spam filters are not putting communications into your spam box

### Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)

<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/requirements/62892/msar/>

### Admissions Test: MCAT

**MCAT Essentials:** [www.aamc.org/students/download/63060/cata/mcatessentials.pdf](http://www.aamc.org/students/download/63060/cata/mcatessentials.pdf)

**Fee:** \$235 per test [late fee: \$60; reschedule fee: \$60; change of test center fee: \$60]

Payment by credit only; registration cannot be reversed once it is started

**MD:** Scores will automatically be sent to AMCAS participating schools

Scores are viewable online 30-35 days after your test date

**Limit:** 3 tests per calendar year

Subtests	
Tutorial (optional)	10 minutes
Examinee Agreement	10 minutes
Physical Sciences (52 questions)	70 minutes
Break (optional)	10 minutes
Verbal Reasoning (40 questions)	60 minutes
Break (optional)	10 minutes
Writing Sample (2 questions)	60 minutes
Break (optional)	10 minutes
Biological Sciences (52 questions)	70 minutes
Void Question	5 minutes
Survey (optional; 12 questions)	10 minutes
*each test includes experimental test items for future tests that do not affect score; however, experimental items are not marked so try your best in all areas	

**Scoring:** 1-15 per section for Physical Sciences, Verbal Reasoning, and Biological Sciences

**Writing:** J (lowest) to T (highest)

### Practice Tests:

[https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/preparing/85158/orderingpracticetests\\_mcat.html](https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/preparing/85158/orderingpracticetests_mcat.html)

### Application Service: AMCAS

AMCAS Instructions:

<https://www.aamc.org/students/download/131750/data/2011amcasinstructions.pdf.pdf>

Use your FULL legal name, know your MCAT ID

Print a copy of your completed application for your reference; turn one in to CLAS Advising for your file

**Fee:** \$160 for one school; \$30 for each additional school

\*Fee is non-refundable, can only be paid by credit card or online check

**Transcripts:** Transcript Request Form (MUST accompany official transcripts by application deadline)

\*You need a separate form for EACH school you have attended; each form is unique so PAY ATTENTION!

**Repeat Grades:** Enter ALL attempts at courses, regardless of repeats or grades of W, AMCAS counts all attempts of a repeated course

**Re-applicants:** You must submit a new application each year that you apply, you must indicate that you are a re-applicant

**Personal Statement:** Write a brief statement expressing your motivation or desire to become a doctor 5300 characters, including spaces

**Letters of Recommendation (LORs):** Letters will be loaded through VirtualEvals or must be sent directly to AMCAS

MUST be submitted by letter writer and received by application deadline

\*Look at individual schools for specific requirements of number and type of letters

**Supplemental Applications:** Supplementals vary by school, make sure you are meeting deadlines set by schools

**Verification:** Takes up to 6 weeks once ALL required materials are received

**Traffic Rules:** Offers of admission may be made beginning October 15, see individual school information for deadlines

**Acceptances:** Make sure you are meeting any university deadlines and withdraw applications from all schools following a final decision on attendance

<b>Application Cycle (dates are estimated based on 2010-2011 cycle)</b>	
January through September	MCAT Testing, log on to <a href="http://www.aamc.org/mcat">www.aamc.org/mcat</a> for dates/registration
May	AMCAS Launches
June 1	Applications may be submitted
Individual school deadlines vary, make sure you are checking communications from individual schools and meeting any necessary deadlines	

**This form serves only as a guideline to the application process, it is up to you as the applicant to make sure you are meeting any deadlines or requirements outlined by the application and testing services, as well as individual school requirements.**