

# CLAS Academic Advising Center

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## Osteopathic (DO) Medical School Application Process

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

### Osteopathic Medical College Information Book

<http://www.aacom.org/resources/bookstore/cib/Documents/2011cib/2011cib-whole.pdf>

### 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

**DO:** Use THx score reporting service to send scores to AACOMAS following your test date

\*Scores MUST have MCAT ID <https://services.aamc.org/mcatthx>

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

**Limit:** 3 tests per calendar year

| Subtests  |            |
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| 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: AACOMAS

AACOMAS Instructions: <http://www.aacom.org/InfoFor/applicants/documents/instructions.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:** \$175 for one school; \$32 for each additional school

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

**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

\*Only the final attempt will be calculated in GPA

**Re-applicants:** Information will be carried over from year to year, be sure to check for accuracy

**Personal Statement:** Write a brief statement expressing your motivation or desire to become a doctor  
4500 characters, including spaces

**Letters of Recommendation (LORs):** Not all schools participate in VirtualEvals; some require that letters are sent directly to the college

MUST be submitted by letter writer and received by application deadline

\*Look at individual schools for specific requirements of number and type of letters as well as submission guidelines

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

**Verification:** Takes 3-6 weeks once ALL required materials are received

**Traffic Rules:** Admissions offers can be made according to the following schedule:

- Through November 15, candidates must respond to offers of admission by December 14
- November 15-January 14, candidates have 30 days to respond to offers of admission
- January 15-May 14, candidates have 14 days to respond to offers of admission
- On or after May 15 candidates may be asked for an immediate deposit

**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> |   |
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| January through September   | MCAT Testing, log on to <a href="http://www.aamc.org/mcat">www.aamc.org/mcat</a> for dates/registration |
| May   | AACOMAS Launches  |
| June 1  | Applications may be submitted   |
| Beginning October 1   | Individual school deadlines, see AACOMAS instructions for list of school deadlines                      |
| Beginning October 15  | Individual school supplemental deadlines, see AACOMAS instructions for list of supplemental 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.**