MEDICAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

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ENHANCING YOUR PATH TO MEDICAL SCHOOL

Grand Valley State University has either Early Assurance* or Preferred Relationship agreements with five medical schools in Michigan. These agreements allow you to apply early in your junior or senior year of college if you meet criteria identified by those individual schools.

If you are admitted through these programs, you will be able to concentrate on your academics, knowing you have already been accepted to medical school. You will save expensive application fees, travel, interview time, and costs to other medical schools.

Even if you are not accepted into the Early Assurance or Preferred Relationship program, you will have a head start on the medical school application process.

*Through the early assurance program, CMU, MSU COM, MSU CHM, and WSU have agreed to grant early acceptance of admission for as many as five endorsed GVSU students. In addition, MSU CHM is also granting early acceptance to one student who transferred to GVSU from Grand Rapids Community College.

EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

WHO CAN APPLY?

GVSU students who wish to attend medical school and later care for underserved populations.

Preference will be given if you are
  • a first generation college student;
  • a graduate from a low income high school as defined by the U.S. Department of Education;
  • eligible for/recipient of an undergraduate PELL grant;
  • from a medically underserved area; and/or
  • expressing interest in a high-need medical specialty.

You must be enrolled at GVSU and may not be simultaneously applying for either AMCAS or AACOMAS.

SHOULD I APPLY?

If you feel that one or more of these schools would allow you to fulfill your goals, schedule an appointment with a premedical advisor.

Your advisor can review each school’s criteria, discuss the admission process, and answer any questions you may have.

Visit gvsu.edu/clasadvising and click “Schedule an Appointment.”

THE PROCESS

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications open in December.

Juniors and seniors with 70 or more credit hours may submit an application, as well as all required documentation by early February.

GVSU ENDORSEMENT

The GVSU EAP Selection Committee will review your application and submit endorsement decisions to the EAP program(s) you have applied to for further consideration.

EAP SCHOOL DECISION

EAP medical school admissions committees will consider each candidate. Those considered most qualified may be required to submit secondary essays and will be invited to interview in spring. Decisions will be issued shortly after, typically between May and early July.

If admission is offered, and you decide to accept the invitation for admission, it is binding and you cannot apply to other medical schools.
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU) 
COLLEGE OF HUMAN MEDICINE (CHM) 
ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Meet citizenship requirements according to MSU policy.
Meet the minimum academic standards of 3.0 overall collegiate GPA; 3.0 in sciences. For the MCAT, a minimum score of 500, with subscores at 125.
Take MCAT by stated deadline of your application year.
Obtain experience with health care through volunteering, employment, and/or job shadowing in medical settings.
Demonstrate commitment to humanity as well as leadership qualities through community service and extracurricular activities.
Demonstrate professional behavior of competence, honesty, compassion, respect, and responsibility in academic, clinical, and volunteer experiences.

IF YOU ARE ADMITTED, YOU WILL
• be allowed to accept or reject the early admission to CHM;
• be eligible for scholarships, dual/combined degrees, or any special program offerings available to the CHM entering class;
• be invited to attend guest lectures and shadow grand rounds at CHM or an affiliated hospital site; and
• receive early information related to CHM housing options and additional transition information.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (CMU) 
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE 
ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Meet citizenship requirements according to CMU policy.
Meet the minimum academic standards of 3.25 overall collegiate GPA. For the MCAT, a minimum score of 498 is required.
Take MCAT by stated deadline of your application year.
Obtain experience with health care through volunteering, employment, and/or job shadowing in medical settings.
Demonstrate commitment to serving humanity as well as leadership qualities through community service and extracurricular activities.
Demonstrate professional behavior of competence, honesty, compassion, respect, and responsibility in academic, clinical, and volunteer experiences.

IF YOU ARE ADMITTED, YOU WILL
• be allowed to accept or reject the early admission to CMU;
• be eligible for special program offerings available to the CMU entering class;
• be invited to attend guest lectures and shadow grand rounds at CMU or an affiliated hospital site; and
• receive early information related to transition information.
GVSU has a Preferred Relationship agreement with Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed), which allows you to apply through the WMedStart Early Decision Program and gives you preferred status when applying through the regular admissions cycle.

**WMEDSTART PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**
Applications open in November and are due January 31.

WMed will consider all candidates, and those most qualified will be invited to interview in spring. Decisions will be issued in early April.

**ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**
- Meet citizenship requirements according to WMed policy.
- Earn a minimum 3.70 overall GPA; 3.5 science GPA, and 30 ACT or 1350 SAT score.
- Achieve a minimum MCAT score at the 40th percentile prior to matriculation.
- Obtain experience with health care through volunteering, employment, and/or job shadowing in medical settings.
- Demonstrate commitment to humanity as well as leadership qualities through community service and extracurricular activities.
- Demonstrate professional behavior of competence, honesty, compassion, respect, and responsibility in academic, clinical, and volunteer experiences.

**IF YOU ARE ADMITTED, YOU WILL**
- be allowed to accept or reject the early admission to COM;
- be eligible for scholarships, dual/combined degrees, or any special program offerings available to the COM entering class; and
- be invited to attend guest lectures and shadow grand rounds at COM or an affiliated hospital site.