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Podiatry School Application Process

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Podiatry School Admission Requirements

www.aacpm.org/html/careerzone/require.asp

Admissions Test: MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) (mcats@aacpm.org, 202-828-0600)

MCAT 2015 Essentials: <https://www.aamc.org/mcat> -> click on MCAT Essentials on the right.

Registration Timeline: The MCAT 2015 will be administered between January and September 2016. *Registration for 2016 dates began in late October, 2015.* It is recommended to register at least 60 days prior to your desired test date.

Before Registration: You will need an AAMC ID and an associated username and password to register for the MCAT.

Fee Assistance Program (FAP): Reduces the MCAT fee to \$115 if eligible. See <https://www.aamc.org/fap> for details. Can reapply up to five times and it's valid for 2 years. If an application is approved **Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2016**, benefits expire **Dec. 31, 2017**. FAP application processing takes up to 15 business days and **benefits are NOT retroactive**.

-FAP also waives all AMCAS fees for 1 submission with up to 15 medical school designations; provides complimentary access to the MSAR, up to \$500 for a psycho-educational or medical evaluation needed for accommodations, & free test prep materials.

Release Scores: *You will need to forward your MCAT scores to AACPMAS* (they are NOT automatically forwarded) using the MCAT [Score Reporting System](#) after your test date. It takes at least 3 days to process. Also, prior to signing up for the test, you have the option of releasing your scores to a pre-health advisor. If you miss this step, please print an official score report & send to the pre-professional advisor at GVSU. Scores are viewable online 30-35 days after the test date.

Testing Limit: Up to 3 tests per calendar year, 4 every 2 years, 7 lifetime max. A voided exam or no-show DOES count as an attempt.

Test Section	# of Questions	Time
Examinee Agreement, Optional Tutorial	--	8 min, 10 min (total 18)
Chemical & Physical Foundations of Biological Sciences**	59	95 minutes
Critical Analysis & Reasoning Skills	53	90 minutes
Mid-exam Break (optional—cannot leave the testing center)	--	30 minutes
Biological & Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems**	59	95 minutes
Psychological, Social, & Biological Foundations of Behavior	59	95 minutes
Void Question (not optional) & Satisfaction Survey (optional)	--	5 min, 5 min (total 10)
Total content time: 6 hours 15 minutes		Total "Seat" Time: 7 hours, 33 minutes
**an optional 10 minute break is available after these sections (we recommend you take these breaks!!)		

Scoring: Each of the four sections is scored from a low of 118 to a high of 132, with a midpoint of 125. Scores for the four sections are combined to create a total score. **The total score ranges from 472 to 528. The midpoint (50th percentile) is 500.** Percentile ranks will be reported for the total & section scores. There is no penalty for guessing.

How to Prepare: There is currently one full length MCAT 2015 Sample Test and one scored Practice Exam available that simulate the exam. There are many other prep resources, which can be found by visiting this link:

<https://www.aamc.org/mcat>. You can also order many of the MCAT prep resources at a discounted rate through www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising/payment

Application Service: AACPMAS – Follow them on Facebook and Twitter (@PodMedColleges). For questions, contact AACPMAS Customer Service at 617-612-2900 or aacpmasinfo@liaisoncas.com

AACPMAS Instructions: <http://help.unicas.com:8888/aacpmasHelpPages/instructions/>

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: \$180 for one school; \$45 for each additional school. \$60 fee for additional schools after e-delivery of application. Fee is non-refundable, can only be paid by credit card (no fee waiver available).

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!**

Re-applicants: Your information will not be carried over from year to year; you must submit a new application

Repeat Grades: Enter ALL attempts at courses, regardless of repeats or grades of W, both the original and repeated grade will be included in GPA calculation.

Personal Statement: Write a brief statement expressing your motivation or desire to become a podiatrist 4500 characters, including spaces. One statement for all schools; cannot be edited after submission.

Related Work & Activities: Enter podiatric experience, other health care experience, employment, extracurricular activities, and honors and awards; each experience has room for a brief description (600 characters).

Letters of Evaluation (LOEs): Not all schools participate in VirtualEvals; some require that letters are sent directly to the college. One letter must be from a podiatrist.

MUST be submitted by letter writer and received by application deadline

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

http://www.aacpm.org/html/collegelinks/cl_schools.asp

Supplemental Applications: There are NO supplemental applications or fees!

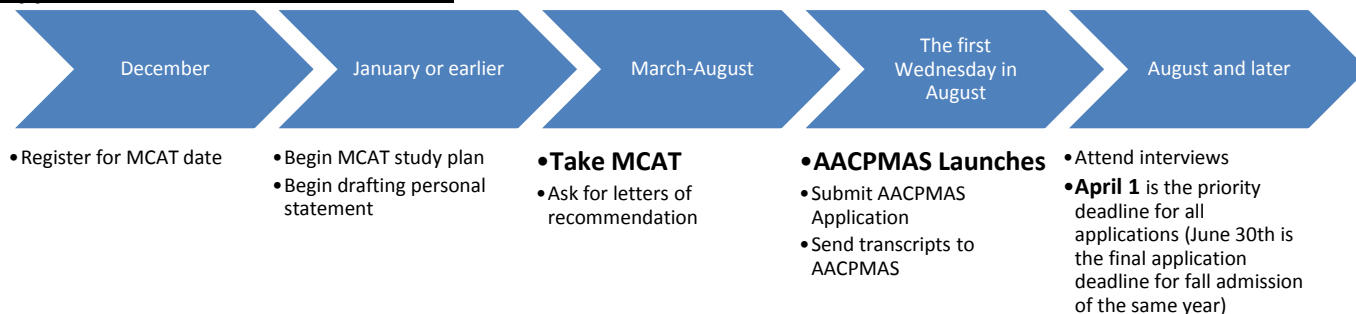
Verification: Takes up to 5 weeks once ALL required materials are received

Acceptances: Make sure you are meeting any school deadlines; admissions offers can be made according to the following schedule:

- Through March 31, 30 days are allowed for candidates to respond to offers of admission
- April 1-June 30, 14 days are allowed for candidates to respond to offers of admission
- After July 1, candidates may be asked for an immediate deposit
- By June 1 you must commit to ONE school

Schools also conduct a criminal background check and undergraduate disciplinary checks prior to final matriculation.

Application Process General Timeline



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.