Podiatry School Application Process

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Podiatry School Admission Requirements

Admissions Test: MCAT (Medical College Admission Test)

MCAT 2015 Essentials: https://www.aamc.org/students/download/63060/data/mcatessentials.pdf

Registration Timeline: The MCAT 2015 will be administered between April and September 2015. Registration for MCAT 2015 begins on February 11, 2015. It is recommended to register at least 60 days prior to your desired test date. Students who register for an April 2015 exam date will receive a $150 Amazon gift card (FAP recipients will receive $60).

Fee: The cost of the exam will be $300, a $25 increase over the cost of the exam in 2014. This supports the larger number of questions on the exam & the longer test day. Payment by credit card only; registration can’t be reversed once started.

Fee Assistance Program (FAP): Reduces the testing fee to $115 if eligible. See https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/fap/ for details; apply early, as it takes time. Can reapply up to five times and it’s good for 2 years. If an application is approved Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2015, benefits expire Dec. 31, 2016.

Release Scores: You will need to forward your MCAT scores to AAMC (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 an undergraduate pre-health advisor. If you miss this step, please print an official score report and send to the pre-professional advisor at GVSU. Scores are viewable online 30-35 days after your test date

Limit: You can take up to 3 tests per calendar year, 4 every 2 years, 7 lifetime max.

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Total content time: 6 hours 15 minutes

**an optional 10 minute break is available after these sections

Total “Seat” Time: 7 hours, 30 minutes

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 is 500. Percentile ranks will be reported for the total & section scores so you can see how you compare to other test takers who took the new exam.

How to Prepare: There is currently one full length MCAT 2015 sample test available that simulates the exam. Other resources for preparation include The Official Guide to the MCAT 2015, What’s on the MCAT 2015 Exam?, Online practice questions (120 total), Question Packs, MedEdPORTAL’s iCollaborative, and the Khan Academy MCAT Collection. Links to all of these resources can be found by visiting this link: https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/prepare/.

You can also order the sample MCAT test 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

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

December
- Register for MCAT date

January or earlier
- Begin MCAT study plan
- Begin drafting personal statement

March-August
- Take MCAT
- Ask for letters of recommendation

The first Wednesday in August
- AACPMAS Launches
- Submit AACPMAS Application
- Send transcripts to AACPMAS

August and later
- Attend interviews
- April 1 is the priority deadline for all applications (June 30th is the final application deadline for fall admission of the same year)

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.