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Western Michigan University School of Medicine Fact Sheet

What is Western Michigan University of School of Medicine's (WMed) mission statement?

"The mission of **Western Michigan University School of Medicine (WMed)** is to advance the health of humanity through excellence in medical education, clinical care, research, and service. These pursuits are interdependent and together assure optimal care for today and hope for tomorrow."

Where can I find additional information about WMU WMed?

- WMU WMed Website: <http://med.wmich.edu/admissions>
- Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR): <http://www.aamc.org/msar>

What are the admission statistics for 2015?

- Number applied: **3993**
- Number interviewed: **321**
- Number matriculated: **60**

What MCAT score and GPA do I need to be competitive?

<i>MCAT</i>	<i>GPA</i>
WMU WMed requires a minimum overall MCAT score of 24. The median MCAT score of those accepted in 2015 was 32 . <i>If students have multiple MCAT scores, WMed will look at the highest overall score.</i>	WMU WMed requires a minimum overall GPA of 3.25. The entering class in 2015 had an Average Cumulative GPA of 3.59 Basic science GPA, the trend over the last 60 credit hours, and the rigor of the undergraduate institution is also considered.
<i>Completing your prerequisites at a four-year institution is viewed more favorably by WMU WMed than courses taken at a community college.</i>	

What else do I need to do to be a competitive applicant to WMU WMed?

WMed will be considering both personal and professional attributes in their applicants.

Regarding **personal attributes**, they are looking for students who:

- Can work together as a team
- Know how to problem solve
- Demonstrate compassion and dedication to serve others
- Communicate effectively
- Make decisions with integrity

Professional attributes can be demonstrated and fostered by activities outside the classroom.

Professional attributes include:

- Curiosity and Creativity
- Sustained ability to learn and seek solutions
- Compassion and dedication to the service of mankind
- Ability to communicate with patients and other health care providers
- Ability to make decisions while considering objective and subjective data
- Ability to change and influence healthy behaviors
- Integrity

What do I need to know about applying to WMU WMed?

Like most medical schools, WMU WMed uses **AMCAS** as their application server: <http://www.aamc.org/students/amcas/start.htm> . The application deadline is **November 15th**.

WMU WMed will use a **Multiple-Mini Interview (MMI)** format as well as a one-on-one interview.

Applicants should submit a minimum of three and no more than four **letters of recommendation**. Two of these letters must be completed by science faculty members. These letters should come from individuals who know the student well and can comment on personal qualities as well as academic achievement. If a student's school has a premedical advisory committee report, this report will count as the two required science faculty letters. Letters from family or friends are discouraged.

WMU WMed seeks to recruit students from all over the United States in order to reflect the diversity of the patients they serve. There is only one tuition rate for in-state and out-of-state students.

Applicants who meet the minimum selection criteria are invited to complete a **supplemental application**. There are two sections:

- **Two Questions:** 1.) Describe why you wish to enroll at Western Michigan University School of Medicine. You should describe any connection that you have to southwest Michigan. 2.) Describe what you bring to the practice of medicine - your values, skills, talents, and life experiences - and how you add to the cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of the medical profession.
- The second section of the supplemental application is an **online interview** that includes approximately 50 multiple choice questions. You have 30 seconds to respond to each question. The entire online interview will take about 30-45 minutes. The questions are straightforward and no preparation is needed or recommended.

Tuition and fees are \$50,000 for both in-state and out-of-state students.

What is it like to be a WMU WMed student?

Curriculum: The basic sciences and clinical sciences are integrated throughout the four years. The emphasis in the first two years is the basic sciences. The emphasis on clinical sciences builds over the years. A variety of methods are used including small group or team-based learning, small and large group sessions, lectures, and clinical experiences. Simulation-based learning is used extensively throughout the four-year curriculum. Graduates are prepared to excel in any chosen specialty.

Is attendance at classes required? Yes. The integrated nature of the curriculum and the use of team-based learning requires active and continuing participation of all students. Attendance and participation in all scheduled student activities is mandatory.

How are students evaluated academically? During years 1 and 2, students are evaluated using multiple choice exams, short answer exams, group participation, standardized patient exams, and simulation-based testing. Grading in years 1 and 2 is on a pass/fail basis. Students must pass Step 1 of the USMLE to continue to year 3 of the curriculum. During years 3 and 4, the grades from clerkships incorporate the evaluations by faculty of students' knowledge, skills, professionalism, teamwork, as well as standardized patient exams and shelf exams. Students must pass Step 2 of the USMLE to graduate.

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