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Wayne State University School of Medicine Fact Sheet

What is Wayne State University School of Medicine's (WSU SOM) mission statement?

"The mission of the Wayne State University School of Medicine is to provide the Michigan community with medical and biotechnical resources, in the form of scientific knowledge and trained professionals, so as to improve the overall health of the community."

Where can I find additional information about WSU SOM?

- WSU SOM Website: <http://www.med.wayne.edu/>
- Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR): <http://www.aamc.org/msar>

What were the admission statistics for 2014?

- Number applied: 4,588
- Number interviewed: 792
- Number matriculated: 290

What entrance exam is required and what GPA do I need?

2014 MCAT scores of accepted WSU SOM applicants:	2014 GPA of accepted WSU SOM applicants:	
10 th Percentile: 27 Median: 31 90 th Percentile: 35	Overall GPA	Science GPA
Subscores:	10 th Percentile: 3.28	10 th Percentile: 3.10
Verbal Reasoning	Median: 3.74	Median: 3.71
10 th Percentile: 8 Median: 10 90 th Percentile: 11	90 th Percentile: 3.96	90 th Percentile: 3.97
Physical Sciences	<i>When calculating GPA, MD schools will count all attempts of a course (i.e. repeated course grades are averaged)</i>	
10 th Percentile: 8 Median: 11 90 th Percentile: 13		
Biological Sciences	To gain entrance to medical school, usually a minimum cumulative collegiate GPA of 3.0 is required. No grade below a C is allowed for pre-requisite courses.	
10 th Percentile: 9 Median: 11 90 th Percentile: 13		
<i>WSU SOM will use the highest composite MCAT score within the last three years if multiple scores are submitted.</i>		

What else do I need to do to be a competitive applicant to WSU SOM?

Besides GPA and MCAT scores, WSU SOM evaluates a number of nonacademic factors, which can include:

- Health Care Experience: community service/volunteer work – medical/clinical (**90% of admits had this experience in 2012**) WSU likes to hear about at least one meaningful experience with a patient!
- Community Service/Volunteer Work – nonmedical/nonclinical (**72% of admits had this experience in 2012**)
- Research/lab (*not required—but **83%** of admits had this experience in 2012*)
- Personality
- Maturity
- Character
- Suitability for medicine
- Comfort with diversity
- Work with/commitment to underserved populations

What do I need to know about applying to WSU SOM?

Like most medical schools, WSU SOM uses **AMCAS** as their application server:

<http://www.aamc.org/students/amcas/start.htm>. The application deadline is **December 15th**.

On **interview day**, candidates will interview with one to two members of the admissions committee, which consists of clinicians, basic science faculty, medical students, and medical school faculty. The interviews typically last an hour, and the interviewers will have access to candidates' complete application, including secondary applications, essays, and letters of recommendation.

WSU SOM requests **letters of recommendation** with the secondary application. When they request a secondary, they ask for a statement from the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee at your college or university, or, if non-existent, three letters of recommendation with at least two from faculty. One must have been written within the past 12 months.

Michigan residents are given preference in admission to WSU SOM; approximately 80% of admitted students are MI residents.

WSU SOM offers an **Early Decision Program** for students whose first choice of medical schools is WSU. Students must apply through AMCAS between June 1 and August 1 for the following year's entering class. Students may not apply to any other school and if they are accepted they must attend WSU. Students must meet the following criteria to be qualified for the Early Decision Program: at least a 3.60 overall GPA and a 3.60 science GPA, at least a 10 on each section of the MCAT. For information on the Early Decision Program, visit this link: <http://admissions.med.wayne.edu/special-programs.php#edp>

Tuition and Fees for 2015 are \$32,425 (in-state).

Class of 2015 WSU SOM graduates had a 97.5% residency match rate.

WSU also offers a combined **MD/PhD** program.

WSU SOM Curriculum	
Year 1 (M1)	The first two years of medical school are designated as the Basic Science curriculum. The Year 1 program is primarily devoted to understanding normal structure and function. This will involve acquiring basic information, but, more importantly, it will also involve understanding concepts and relationships. The lecture is one important method we have to help you learn. It is used to define part of what you are expected to know. It should be supplemented and reinforced by reading your assigned text readings, lecture notes, conferring with faculty and fellow students, and participating in the laboratories, computer assisted and problem solving sessions, and use of the web-based resources. Lectures are offered in-person, but are also streamed online.
Year 2 (M2)	The Year 2 program is primarily devoted to understanding the effect of disease processes on organ structure and function and the actions of drugs. In the course of achieving this objective the curriculum is designed to help the student prepare for their role as a problem solver. This will involve acquiring basic information, but, more importantly, it will also involve understanding concepts and relationships.
Year 3 (M3)	The third year of medical school includes 11 or 12 months of study, encompassing 8 required clerkships. The Primary Care block includes: Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, and Continuity Clinic Clerkship. The Non-Primary Care block includes: General Surgery, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Psychiatry, and Neurology. The Continuity Clinic Clerkship (CCC) is a longitudinal, six-month experience with a consistent half-day assignment to a primary care office; CCC can only be done during the Primary Care block of clerkships unless special permission is given by the School of Medicine. The third year elective month can be deferred into the fourth year, allowing a month of vacation during the third year.
Year 4 (M4)	In the fourth year of medical school, students are required to complete at least 8 months of study, assuming that an elective was done in your third year. There are 3 required clerkships of one month duration each: Ambulatory Medicine, Inpatient Medicine (your Sub-internship, in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, or Surgery), and Emergency Medicine. The other 5 months include elective courses, with the requirement that you plan a balanced program of study to complete your medical school education. If you deferred your third year elective into the fourth year to take a month of vacation in the third year, you must complete 6 elective months (9 months in total) in your fourth year.

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