



MEDICAL SCHOOL CHECKLIST

- ☑ **Think through why you are interested in applying to medical school.**
 - ✓ Review information online:
http://www.studentdoctor.net/guide/application/why_medicine/why.html
 - ✓ Explore health careers through completing volunteer work, conducting research or trying out a summer program in a medical field
<http://www.aamc.org/students/minorities/mmep>

- ☑ **Make a list of what you are looking for in a program and what you would like to do with a medical degree.**
 - ✓ Look at general information about medical school online:
<http://www.aamc.org>
<http://www.amsa.org/>
<http://www.explorehealthcareers.org>

- ☑ **Create a list of potential schools/programs.**
 - ✓ Look at medical school databases online:
<http://www.aamc.org/medicalschoools.htm>

 - ✓ Stop by the CareerPlace library (Bonds 104) to check out medical school resources:
Health Care Careers for the 21st Century
Peterson's Job Opportunities: Health and Science
WetFeet Insider Guide: Careers in Health Care
The Best Medical Schools (by Princeton Review)

- ☑ **Research and compare your options.**
 - ✓ Private vs. public institutions
 - ✓ Entrance requirements
 - ✓ Program approaches/specializations
 - ✓ Faculty and teaching methods
 - ✓ Program reputation
 - ✓ Placement success of program graduates
 - ✓ Tuition costs and financial aid available
 - ✓ Housing/living expenses

- ☑ **Use your research to create a list of schools in which you are interested.**
 - ✓ Consult with your professors, B-W Alumni, and professionals in the field to discuss program highlights and their experiences in medical school.
 - ✓ Plan campus visits, and schedule meetings with program faculty members or current students who can answer your questions.

- ☑ **Determine which programs you plan to apply to, and begin the application process (see back side for application timeline.)**

Over for more information.



MEDICAL SCHOOL TIMELINE

*The following is a sample timeline for those who wish to start medical school immediately after finishing their undergraduate degrees. Please see a Career Advisor for more detailed information.

Junior Year, Fall Semester

- ✓ Plan out when you will complete remaining premedical coursework requirements.
- ✓ Schedule a date to take the MCAT (either April or August of this year).
<http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/> Start studying!
- ✓ Continue to explore the field of medicine through volunteer work, research, and reading about current medical issues.

Junior Year, Spring Semester

- ✓ Request 3-5 letters of recommendation; faculty members, research supervisors or volunteer supervisors are all good choices. As a courtesy, remember to give your recommenders at least one month to write the letter and to provide them with a stamped, addressed envelope. The more information you give the recommenders, the better their letters will be!
- ✓ Request copies of your transcript from the Registration Office.
- ✓ Research and visit medical schools to help narrow down your list.
- ✓ Take the MCAT in April.
- ✓ Start filling out the AMCAS application online (available in May):
<http://www.aamc.org/audienceamcas.htm>
- ✓ Request and complete applications from non-AMCAS schools.
- ✓ Start working on your personal essay.
- ✓ Submit your AMCAS application (starting in early June). Many schools accept students on a rolling basis, so it is to your advantage to apply as early as possible.

Summer before Senior Year

- ✓ Complete secondary applications.
- ✓ Take MCAT in August if you did not do so in April.
- ✓ Start preparing for your interviews.
- ✓ Start researching financial aid options.
<http://www.aamc.org/students/financing/start.htm>

Senior Year, Fall Semester

- ✓ Prepare for your interviews! Do your research and use the Perfect Interview software program to complete a mock interview.

Senior Year, Spring Semester

- ✓ Follow-up on institutions that you have not heard from and make your final decision.
- ✓ Submit commitment forms and fees to the institution you have chosen.
- ✓ Send thank you notes to people who wrote your recommendation letters, informing them of your success.

Over for more information.