

Health Careers Information Chart

Health Profession	Level of Education	Number of US Schools	Number of CA Schools	Average Undergrad Overall GPA	Entrance Exam Requirement	Name of Centralized Application System	Number of Training Years*
Allopathic Medicine (MD)	Doctoral Degree	144	11	3.7	MCAT	AMCAS	8+
Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	Doctoral Degree	31	2	3.5	MCAT	AACOM	8+
Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	Doctoral Degree	9	2	3.2	MCAT	AACPM	7+
Naturopathic Medicine (ND)	Doctoral Degree	6	1	3.2	NONE	NDCAS	4+
Pharmacy (PharmD)	Doctoral Degree	82	11	3.5	PCAT	PharmCAS	5+
Dentistry (DDS)	Doctoral Degree	65	5	3.5	DAT	AADSAS	4+
Optometry (OD)	Doctoral Degree	22	3	3.3	OAT	OptomCAS	4+
Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	Doctoral Degree	28	2	3.5	GRE/MCAT	AAVMC	4+
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)	Doctoral Degree	226	15	3.4	GRE	PTCAS	4+
Physician Assistant (PA)	Masters Degree	170	9	3.4	GRE	CASPA	2
Genetic Counseling (MGC)	Masters Degree	31	3	3.3	GRE	NONE	2+
Nursing (Accelerated BSN)	Bachelors Degree	300	15	3.5	TEAS/HESI	NURSINGCAS	12-18 Mo
Nursing (Direct Entry Masters)	Masters Degree	64	16	3.5	GRE	NURSINGCAS	18 Mo-3 Yrs
Occupational Therapy (OT)	Masters/Doctoral Degree	150	7	3.0+	GRE	OTCAS	2
Clinical Lab Sciences (CLS)	Certificate	599	16	3.0+	NONE	NONE	1+
Public Health (MPH)	Masters	180	19	3.0+	GRE/MCAT	SOPHAS	1+
Chiropractic Medicine (DC)	Doctoral Degree	18	3	2.5+	NONE	ChiroCAS	4+

Keep in mind that requirements and averages vary per school/program. This information is a guide but is not comprehensive of all programs within a given field.