



Health Professions Advising's  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pre-Med Bootcamp**

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**Med School 101**

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# UC DAVIS

## HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISING

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# The Admissions Committee looks for:

- Patient Care: *What we do*
- Knowledge: *What we know, how we know it, how we use it*
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills: *How we connect*
- Professionalism: *How we act*
- System-Based Practice: *How we deliver equitable, high-quality care*
- Life-Long Learning: *How we grow and improve*

# How are these qualities measured?

- Life Experiences
- Work Experiences (paid or volunteer)
- Extracurricular Activities
- Personal Statements/Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Interviews (Multiple Mini Interviews)

# How about the numbers?

- Number of applications: over 7000
- Number of secondary requests: approx. 4000
- Number of interviews: 500
- Number of admission offers: approx. 220
- Number of seats in the class: 110
- Total GPA: 3.60 to 3.70 (increasing trend)
- Composite MCAT: 31/32;
  - - scores of 10 and higher in each section;
  - - Multiple Exams = increasing scores
  - - Multiple Exams = most recent set of scores considered
- New MCAT: Score of 510 and higher (at least 80%); scores of 127 and higher

**Note:** GPA and MCAT scores do not measure compassion, professionalism nor bedside manner BUT of your ability to successfully complete the rigorous medical school curriculum and pass standardized exams required for academic progress eventually leading to a license to practice medicine.

# UC Davis Premedical Requirements

- **Physicians should have a broad college level education in the natural, social, and behavioral sciences and the humanities. We require the MCAT and three years (90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours) in an accredited college or university that include the specific requirements listed below.**
- **Required college-level courses (verified by AMCAS):**
  - **Biological Sciences: 1 year**
  - **Chemistry: general and organic series: 2 years**
  - **Physics: 1 year**

# Application Strategies

- Apply early (June or July at the latest); rolling admission process
- Do not take MCAT until completion of ALL premedical requirements including upper-division advanced biology courses such as biochemistry, genetics and physiology; psychology and sociology
- Take MCAT early before August or September exam dates and allow for 4 to 6 months of dedicated review before taking exam
- Begin writing personal statement at least 3 to 4 months before submitting the AMCAS application; get feedback from others
- Begin collecting letters of recommendation in January of the application year
- Complete ALL secondary requests from medical schools in a timely fashion ( no more than 2 weeks)
- Proofread, proofread ALL submitted materials; enter accurate information for experience/activity time periods – do not inflate hours or service time

# Letters of Recommendation

- Current letters expected (especially for re-applicants)
- Minimum of 3 and no more than 6
- Letter(s) from a clinical experience source is valued tremendously
- Letters from individuals representing significant experiences, activities, research, employment, community service, etc.
- It is the content of the letter that truly matters



# Additional Sources of Information

- The Assn. of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)  
“Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) –  
on-line version

<http://www.tomorrowsdoctors.org>

<http://ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/mdapplicant>

- UC Postbacc programs (UC Consortium)

<https://postbac.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu>

# How to contact Health Professions Advising

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Tuesday/Thursday afternoon, drop-in appts.

Wednesday, scheduled appts. and drop-in

Thank you!