AMCAS & Timelines

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When do you apply?

Turn to Page 7 in your workbook.

Things to consider about gap years:
Do you need to build your GPA?
Do you need more experience?
Do you want to redefine yourself?

You apply when you are ready!
Centralized Application Systems

• Collect ALL transcripts and LORs
• Go to whatever schools you designate

Important to know: All centralized apps are different.

Calculating GPAs

Science GPAs

Character Count for Personal Statements

LOR requirements

Disadvantaged Statements
Application Submitted

- Online application completed and submitted to AMCAS
- Fees paid (or Fee Assistance Program award used)

Application Processed

- All required official transcripts arrive at AMCAS
- Verification of coursework
- Calculation of AMCAS GPAs

Application Delivered

- Verified application sent to designated medical schools
- Letters delivered as they are received
- MCAT scores automatically delivered as they become available
AMCAS Specifics

The 2017 AMCAS fee is $160 for the first school and $38 for each additional school.

- Counts EVERY class into GPA
- BCPM: Includes math
- Cannot update anything except LOR and address.
- Includes Meaningful Experiences
Pieces of the Application Process

- Biographical/Contact Information
- Disadvantaged Statements
- Institutional Actions/Misdemeanors
- Test Scores
- Coursework
- Experiences
- Essay
- LORs
- School List
- Fees
Relevance of Biographic Information

• Foundation for your story
• Frame of reference
• Puts things in contexts
• Historical level of “disadvantage”
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<th><strong>AAMC ID:</strong> 14012909</th>
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**IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

- **ID Type:** Number(s)
- **Name Type:** Name (Salutation First Middle Last, Suffix)
- **Legal:** Joanne Snapp
- **Preferred:** Joanne Renee Snapp
- **DOB:** 07/18/1981
- **Birthplace:** St Joseph, Buchanan (U), MO, United States
- **Legal Residence:** Yolo (U), CA
- **Citizenship:** United States

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

- **Preferred Address:** One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95618, United States
- **City, State Zip, Country:** Davis, CA 95618, United States
- **County:** California Unknown County (U)
- **Email:** jsnapp@ucdavis.edu
- **Day:** 530-754-9266
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**BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

- **Sex:** Female
- **Legal USA Resident:** Yes
- **Birth Date:** 07/18/1981
- **Birthplace:** St Joseph, Buchanan (U), MO, United States
- **Legal Residence:** Yolo (U), CA
- **Citizenship:** United States
- **Dependents:** 2

**Language Information**

- **Language(s):** English
- **Proficiency:** Native/functionally native
- **Use in Childhood Home:** Always

**OTHER VISA TYPE DESCRIPTION**

- **Ethnic Self-Identification:** Not Hispanic, Latino or of Spanish origin
- **Military Service:** No
- **Anticipated Status at time of enrollment:**
CHILDHOOD INFORMATION

Primary Childhood Residence
City: St. Joseph
County: Buchanan (U)
State: MO
Country: United States
Description: Urban

Underserved (Self-Reported): Don't Know
Family Income Level: $25,000 - 49,999
Number in Household: 3
Family Assistance Program: Yes
Paid Employment before 18: Yes
Contribution to Family: Yes
Pell Grant received as undergraduate: Yes
Paid for Post-Secondary Education: Academic Scholarship 40%

DISADVANTAGED INFORMATION

Disadvantaged?: Yes
Explanation: asdfsadfasd

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Parent/Guardian Name: Brian Burkert
Sex: Male
Living?: Yes
Legal Residence: Buchanan (U), Missouri, United States
Education Level: Less Than High School
School Name: State University
Occupation: Sales Supervisor, Retail Sales

Parent/Guardian Name: Victoria Burkert
Sex: Female
Living?: Yes
Legal Residence: Yolo (U), California, United States
Education Level: Bachelor Degree (BA,BS,etc)
School Name: State University
Occupation: Homemaker

SES DISADVANTAGED

SIBLINGS

Age
Sex
Types of Disadvantage

• Academically
• Economically
• Environmentally
Test Scores

• MCAT & AMCAS = Same people
• Last Three Years
• Future Test Dates Indicated
• Accommodations no longer reported
• Multiple Test Scores: Schools consider differently
• Reporting Other tests
Transcripts

• Order Official For Yourself
• Send ALL Officials as soon as open app
• Enter courses EXACTLY as it appears
• Science vs Non-Science Coursework
• What does verify mean?
• Order OFFICIAL transcript for course entry
• BCPM
• Identifying Course Categories
• AP Credit/IB-Freshmen
• Transcripts: Waiting for Grades
• Current and Future Coursework
• Withdrawals/P-NP, Ds and Fs.
• Study Abroad
• If name doesn’t fit, abbreviate
• If course has lab but isn’t indicated, type in “With Lab”
• AMCAS can change your course classification
Post baccalaureate (PB) coursework is included in the "Undergraduate Total" GPA as well as in a separate "Post baccalaureate" GPA.
Experiences

• Every App Different
• Written Description vs Not
• Most Meaningful
Section 5: Work/Activities (15)

- Top Three Meaningful
- Total Hours/Repeated Hours
- Contact Person
- Experience Description (700 char)
- Bullets vs. Prose
- Meaningful Description (1325 char)
- Paid Employment
- Sorting during review
- Revealing attributes

Example Entry:

- **Coordinated** small and large scale events
- **Collaborated** with fifteen peers to reach goal
- **Networked** with health professionals from a variety of backgrounds
- **Developed** creative solutions to challenges as they arose
- **Analyzed** data to make informed decisions about processes
- **Taught** club members the value of academic excellence
- **Led** a staff of twenty
Personal Statement

5300 Characters: Why do you want to be a doctor?
• Proofread carefully!
• No changes (including grammatical or typographical errors) may be made after submitted
• Cut and Paste your essay into a Text File before copying into AMCAS. *Not doing this may result in unintended formatting and characters.*

Do not repeat information shared in your disadvantaged statement or your meaningful experiences

Plagiarism: Don’t do it.
LOR

- Average between 4-5
- Science Faculty vs Non-Science Faculty
- Non-Academic
- Letter Services: Interfolio and Virtual Evals
- AMCAS: Assign LOR to different schools
- TRACK IN ADVANCE
- ALL letters must be signed and on letterhead!
Section 6: Letters of Evaluation

- Evaluation=Recommendation
- Letter Services & Schools
- Letter Request Form
- Submitting before LOE are received
- WAIVE YOUR RIGHTS
- Committee Packets: We don’t do
- Know your schools’ requirements
- May submit up to ten letters, but you DON’T NEED TO
- Choosing Medical Schools to Release
School List

• Varies by Program
• Balanced In and Out of State
• Public and Private
• Research schools!
• Can add schools.
Other Tips

- Release application to Advisor
- Save NOW for fees.
- Cannot start app until open date
- Apply for FAP
- Read page 17 of your workbook
- Google AMCAS 2017 Handbook
Getting Help with Your Application

Online | aamc.org/amcas
Answers to most questions are available on our website: www.aamc.org/amcas. There you will find FAQs, guides, and video tutorials that provide additional instruction.

Social Media | Twitter and YouTube
Follow AMCASinfo on Twitter and YouTube. We post updates and announcements on Twitter and share video tutorials for help filling out your application on YouTube.

Phone | 202-828-0600
Applicant Relations Specialists in the AAMC Services Contact Center are available Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET. Have your AAMC ID available when you call.

Email | amcas@aamc.org
To ensure a quick response, please include the subject of your inquiry in the subject line and your AAMC ID number in the body of your message.

Health Professions Advising (or your pre-health advisor)
Drop In Advising hours are 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays
Questions?