

Admission Requirements

Education Requirements

Applicants are encouraged to pursue their desired interest with respect to a degree and do well in that major. Please note that non-science majors are strongly advised to enroll in additional science coursework beyond the prerequisite requirements.

- Applicants must have completed a minimum of 90 semester hours (or 134 quarter hours) at a regionally accredited US or Canadian college or university. Applicants who are working towards or have completed an undergraduate degree are preferred.
- All prerequisite courses must be taken at a regionally accredited US or Canadian college or university. Foreign coursework will **not** count towards meeting any of the prerequisites, even if transfer credit has been given for them by a US or Canadian school.
- Each prerequisite course listed in the table below must be completed with a grade of C or better.
 - AP and online credit and/or coursework for prerequisite courses is accepted. We encourage students to take traditional coursework.
 - AP credit will be accepted only if the school granting the credit lists the specific course(s) and number of credits granted per course on an official transcript.
 - Online coursework must be from an institution accredited by one of the six regional accreditors.
 - This excludes all early acceptance programs.

Prerequisite Courses

Course	Hours
General Biology or Zoology	6
Biology Labs	2
Upper Division Biology	6
General Chemistry	6
General Chemistry labs	2

Organic Chemistry	6
Organic Chemistry labs	2
Physics	6
Physics labs	2
English	6
Statistics	3
Total	47

Biochemistry

Biochemistry is required by TTUHSC School of Medicine and may be used toward fulfilling the Biological Sciences or General Chemistry requirement.

Prerequisite course notes and guidelines

- Courses from all **Biological Sciences** applied toward a Baccalaureate degree in traditional science fields, such as General Biology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Immunology, Parasitology and Anatomy & Physiology are acceptable as "Biology" credits, provided they are what is offered for Biology majors. For instance, the Biology course for "non-science majors" would not be acceptable.
- **Courses for non-science majors or for health career majors** (nursing, pharmacy, health professions, etc.) will **not** satisfy the required coursework. All required coursework must be applicable towards a traditional science degree.
- The **Statistics** course should be taught in a Math or Statistics Department.
- Recommended **upper-division courses** (3000 or 4000 level courses) include: Biochemistry, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Immunology, Parasitology and Anatomy & Physiology.
 - Applicants are strongly advised to have at least 6 hours of upper-division "Biology" courses (3000 or 4000 level courses).
- To identify courses that fulfill the prerequisites, please visit with your Pre-Health advisor. Courses listed here have been approved by the TMDSAS participating institutions to meet the education requirements.

- The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) is a requirement for admission into the TTUHSC School of Medicine.
- The best score from the past 5 years from the year of application submission is used in the evaluation process.
- Test scores older than 5 years from the year of application submission will not be considered.

I Am Ready to Apply

All applicants to TTUHSC School of Medicine must complete the following:

A primary application

The Texas Medical and Dental School Application Service (TMDSAS) application is required of all applicants.

A TTUHSC School of Medicine Secondary Application is required of all applicants. Make sure you visit our [secondary application page](#) to see the most updated and official secondary application questions.

Eligible candidates will receive an email invitation from our school with the link and instructions to complete our secondary application after we have received their complete application from TMDSAS. Please allow for processing time by TMDSAS.

Beginning in the application year 2021, TTUHSC School of Medicine will no longer accept the AMCAS application for any program.

A secondary application

- Please go to our [Secondary Application Questions](#) page for details.

The TTUHSC School of Medicine carefully reviews applications by applying the concepts of the [AAMC holistic review initiative](#). Holistic review is a flexible, individualized way of assessing an applicant's capabilities by which balanced consideration is given to experiences, attributes, and academic metrics and, when considered in combination, how the individual might contribute value as a medical student and physician.

The core foundational value of including the diverse cultures, lifestyles, personal beliefs and ideas of all those we serve — and serve alongside — provides a positive impact on the health of our regional, national and global societies. As we pursue excellence in

health care education, research and patient care, we will be ever mindful of the strength that is gained through unity in diversity. [LEARN MORE](#)

*It is the goal of TTUHSC School of Medicine to accept only those students who are guaranteed to complete the full four years of the curriculum based on citizenship or permanent resident status. Therefore, only applicants who are permanent US residents or American citizens will be considered for interview and admission.

Casper Test

The Casper Test and Altus Suite

All applicants applying to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine are required to complete the Casper test, to maintain admission eligibility for the current application cycle.

We are currently piloting the Casper test for this cycle. Casper is now a part of Altus Suite. **Applicants to TTUHSC School of Medicine are only required to complete the Casper test.**

To take the Casper test:
Register for Altus Suite for Medicine (UME) (CSP-10111-U.S. Medicine)

For a more detailed look at the Casper test, please see this [video](#).

Access www.TakeAltus.com to create an account and for more information on important dates and requirements.

Application Timeline

For deadlines and important dates, refer to [TMDSAS](#).

Admissions Interviews

- Interview invitations are sent via e-mail to the e-mail address in your TMDSAS application.
- MD Applicants are given two 20-minute interviews.

- Dual degree invited applicants are given an additional interview.
- MD/PhD applicants are given two additional interviews for a total of four.

Important technical details

Interview invitations, as well as any communications made to applicants from the TTUHSC School of Medicine will be sent from our e-mail address somadm@ttuhsc.edu. Please make sure to mark this sender as safe and check your spam folder as well as your email inbox for correspondence.

After Interviewing: Rolling admissions, Texas Match and Alternate Pool

Pre-Match Rolling Admissions and TMDAS Match

For information regarding Texas medical school acceptance and match process, please visit the [TMDAS website](#).

Post-Match Rolling Admissions and Alternate Pool

- In the event that an accepted applicant leaves his/her seat, an applicant from the alternate pool will be selected and an offer will be made. This process is generally very slow and unpredictable.
- The alternate pool is not ranked.
- Applicants may be selected from the alternate pool up until the beginning of orientation at TTUHSC School of Medicine.

Important technical details

Secondary Application invitations, interview invitations, offer letters, and any other communications made to applicants from the TTUHSC School of Medicine will be sent from our e-mail address somadm@ttuhsc.edu. Please make sure to mark this sender as safe and check your spam folder as well as your email inbox for correspondence.

AAMC Early Decision

The Details

Applicants interested exclusively in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine may apply under the AAMC Early Decision Program (EDP) from within the TMDSAS application. The submission deadline is August 1.

All parts of your application to TTUHSC School of Medicine must be submitted on or before the deadline. This includes:

- A complete TMDSAS application
- Transcripts
- Letters of evaluation
- A valid MCAT score
- A complete TTUHSC Secondary application

Highlights

By applying for early decision you can greatly reduce the high financial and psychological costs of applying to and interviewing at multiple schools.

It should be emphasized that only applicants with an excellent chance of admission should apply through one of the EDP's since only a small portion of the first-year class is admitted through this program. Applicants must be a Texas resident and will be given preference based on the competitiveness of their GPA and MCAT score.

Requirements

EDP applicants may not apply to other medical schools in the United States while being considered by TTUHSC School of Medicine. An applicant who is offered admission is **obligated** to attend TTUHSC School of Medicine. A formal release from TTUHSC School of Medicine must be obtained to be eligible to apply to other schools. If an applicant is not accepted by Texas Tech, he or she may then apply to other schools early enough so that the results will be available to the school prior to August 1. **LEARN MORE**

Benefits

- An interview in August or September to selected applicants.
- Prompt admission decision from the school - no later than October 1st.

- The opportunity to apply to other TMDSAS participating schools, without having to submit an additional application, if not accepted as an EDP candidate.

Dual Degrees

FMAT

The Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT) is an innovative 3-year accelerated medical school curriculum that culminates into a MD degree and leads to a standard 3-year family medicine residency in one of our campuses. [**MORE**](#)

MD/MBA

The Health Organization Management (HOM) joint degree program allows students to earn both MD and MBA degrees within the four years of medical school. Areas of study include accounting, management strategy, business information systems, as well as other core skills in the business curriculum. [**MORE**](#)

MD & E

A four year program focused on training physicians who are capable of blending medical knowledge and engineering principles. Students complete a Master of Science (M.S.) in Bioengineering while in medical school. [**MORE**](#)

MD/JD

The MD/JD program is a six-year program designed specifically for individuals interested in the areas of health law, health care policy, bioterrorism, forensics or biomedical compliance. [**MORE**](#)

MD/PhD

The MD/PhD program prepares students to become a medical practitioner and faculty member at a teaching hospital where they will instruct medical and graduate students and will be involved with biomedical research. At the end of the School of Medicine second-year curriculum, students in this program defer continuation in the medical school curriculum and devote full-time enrollment toward completion of the requirements for the PhD degree. [**MORE**](#)

MD/MPH

The MD/MPH emphasizes the knowledge and skills of core public health disciplines and public health practice. A Master in Public Health can be earned by completing a minimum of 45 credit hours, including a practicum experience and a culminating experience. At this time, the MPH program offers a generalist MPH degree. [**MORE**](#)

Transfer to the School of Medicine

Thank you for your interest in Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. TTUHSC School of Medicine accepts a limited number of transfers in advanced standing when space is available. Applicants who are considered will be invited for an interview. The applicant should be aware that TTUHSC School of Medicine is a multi-campus institution with campuses in Lubbock, Amarillo, and Odessa. Transfer students are assigned to the Amarillo or Odessa campus for the third and fourth clinical years of the curriculum.

Guidelines for Eligibility

- The applicant must be a legal resident of Texas.
- The applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent resident of the U.S.
- The applicant must be currently enrolled as a student in good standing (documented standing in upper 50% of class by Office of Student Affairs) in an allopathic medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).
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- Preference is given to students who have taken and passed the USMLE Step 1 exam. Students applying for transfer while still in the second semester of year 2 will be considered if they have taken the CBSE at their current medical school or participate in the mid-May administration of the exam at TTUHSC School of Medicine and receive a score greater than or equal to 75.
- The applicant must have completed at least 90 hours of undergraduate coursework in a fully accredited U.S. or Canadian school.
- The applicant must have completed the second year of medical school. Transfer into the fourth year is not considered.
- Applicants from related fields such as dentistry, or those who have taken medical basic science courses as a graduate student, may be considered on an individual basis, but may be required to apply as a first year student regardless of the degree field.
- The applicant must have taken and passed Step 1 of the USMLE exam and submitted a letter of withdrawal from their current school before beginning the third year curriculum.
- The applicant must provide documentation from current Office of Student Affairs that the student has not and does not have any professionalism, behavioral issues or disciplinary actions against them.

Requirements for Application

- A completed application and filing fee of **\$75.00** must be **received** by the Office of Admissions no later than May 1st.
- Applicants must clearly state in their personal statement the reason for their request for transfer.
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate colleges, graduate schools, and medical schools must be submitted to the TTUHSC School of Medicine Office of Admissions.
- All applicants must have official MCAT scores forwarded to the Office of Admissions.
- A letter of evaluation must be submitted by the Dean of the school where the applicant is currently enrolled.
- Prior to matriculation at TTUHSC School of Medicine, all applicants must have received passing Step 1 scores and the official Step 1 scores must be forwarded to TTUHSC School of Medicine.
- All forms, supporting documents and information must be submitted to the TTUHSC School of Medicine Office of Admissions.

Transfer Application

- [Download Application \(PDF\)](#)