

Medical School Application Timeline

Planning and preparation are key to submitting a thorough, thoughtful, and professional application to medical school.



Components of a Successful Application

Good MCAT Score and GPA



Well-written Personal Statement



Strong Letters of Recommendation



Primary Applications Open in May: Plan to submit in June

Prepare for and take the MCAT

Secure Letters of Recommendation

Complete Personal Statement

Fill out Primary Applications Submit Applications Complete Secondary Applications

Interviews

Month What y		What you should be thinking about and planning for
	January- April	 Work on writing your Personal Statement and experience descriptions for your application. Identify and meet with your letter writers and ask for STRONG Letters of Recommendation. Continue to engage in volunteer work, leadership activities, shadowing, research, and patient contact.
	May	 Primary Applications open (<u>AMCAS</u>, <u>AACOMAS</u>, <u>TMDSAS</u>). Begin to fill out Primary Applications as soon as possible. <i>Read the instructions carefully</i>. Order Official Transcripts from ALL colleges and universities you have attended and have them sent to the appropriate application services. https://www.byui.edu/transcripts Complete Personal Statement and experience descriptions.
	June	 Make final decisions on which medical schools to apply to and submit Primary Applications. Application services verify Primary Applications and notify applicants of verification status.
	June-August	 Continue working on and submitting secondary applications. Be wary of copy and paste errors. Try to get all Secondary Applications submitted within 2-3 weeks of receipt.
	September- January	 Prepare for and attend interviews. Medical school admissions committees meet and decide status: accept/reject/waitlist. Applicants notified of their status. DO schools start extending offers. Seat deposit may be required to hold your place.
	January-April	 On or before April 15th, narrow your selection to no more than three programs and withdraw your acceptances from all other schools. By April 30th, choose the school you plan to attend and withdraw your acceptances from all other programs. Once you have accepted an offer make sure you understand the admission policies, deadlines, and required seat deposit information.
	May-August	 Applicants on waitlists are notified of an admission offer. Typically, medical schools confirm their class by the end of June. Remember to thank those who helped you prepare for and get accepted to medical school. If not accepted, meet with a Health Professions Advisor to help strategize for the next application cycle, or look for other career options.