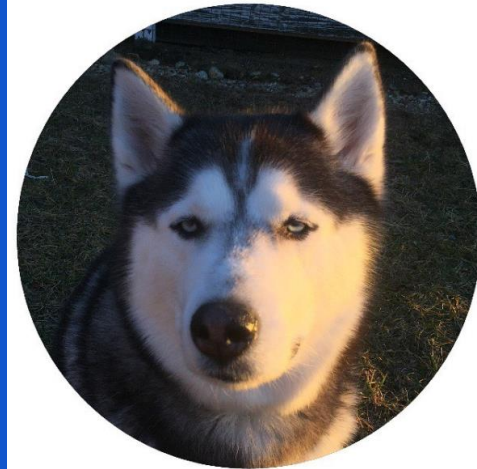


2021 Cycle Application Orientation

Health Professional Schools

*Let's go,
Huskies!*



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Agenda

I. Housekeeping

II. Application services

III. Application components

IV. Composite letters & process

V. The portal

VI. What happens after?

VII. Resources

How I think I look explaining the premed process to my bartender at 3:00 am vs how I actually look.



Two overall goals tonight

1. Inform you about the application process to health professional schools and our composite letter process
2. Use this information to gauge whether you truly feel ready to apply to health professional schools this cycle

I. Housekeeping

- ListServ/Weekly newsletter
- Email us and request to be added
- Main place for 2021 cycle information

premed_predental@uconn.edu

I. Housekeeping

Advisors

► Pre-Medical

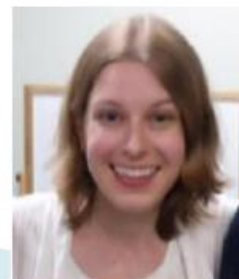
- Keat Sanford, PhD
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► Pre-Dental

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II. Application services

Web platforms

- AMCAS: primary app for MD schools
- CAS: primary apps for AACOMAS, AADSAS, CASPA, OPTOMCAS, AACPMAS, PHARMCAS, SOPHAS, GRADCAS...
- TMDSAS: primary app for Texas public med/dent/vet schools

II. Application services

MD schools (allopathic medicine)

- AAMC: Association of American Medical Colleges (also administers the MCAT)
- AMCAS: American Medical College Application Service
 - 2021 Cycle AMCAS Applicant Guide

II. Application services

MD schools (allopathic medicine)

2021 cycle dates:

- 5/4/20 primary app opens
- 5/28/20 submission button available
- 6/26/20 first day verified apps sent to individual schools
- *Schools begin to notify applicants of acceptances on 10/15 and continue until their classes are full.*

II. Application services

MD schools (allopathic medicine)

2021 cycle fees:

- AMCAS application fee (one school included): \$170
- Each additional school: \$41

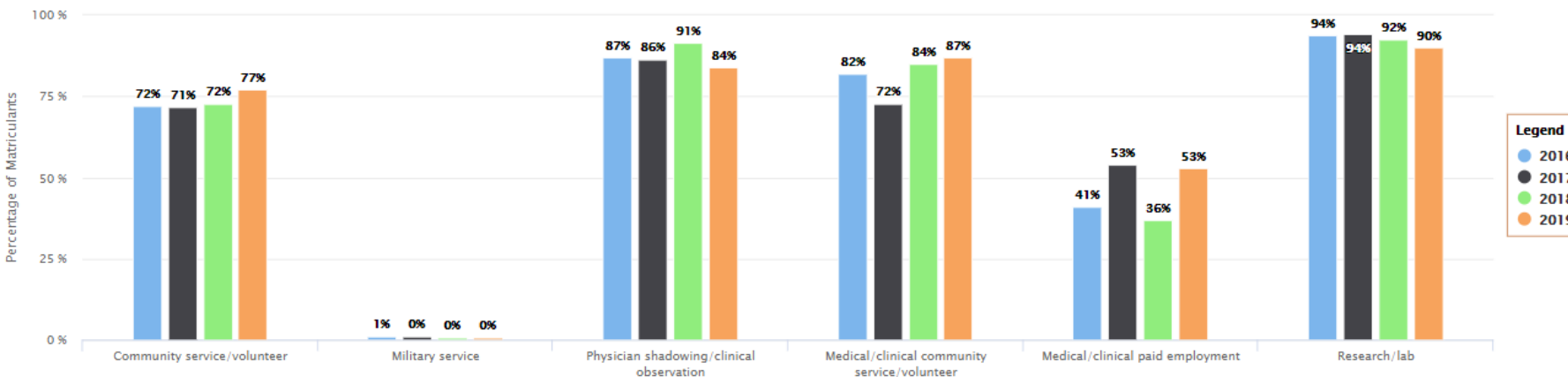
II. Application services

- Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)
- 1-year subscription: \$28
- 2-year subscription: \$36

Matriculation Data for First Year Class ?

Categories	In-state	Out-of-state	International	Total
Verified Applications	530	2502	254	3286
Interviewed	224	104	3	331
Deferred	1	1	0	2
Early Assurance Program	0	0	0	0
Early Decision Program	0	0	0	0
Baccalaureate/MD	0	0	0	0
MD/PhD	2	2	2	6
Matriculated	83	24	3	110

Premedical Experiences of First Year Class



II. Application services

Applying to Medical School

2019 AMCAS® Medical School Applications by the Numbers



AMCAS OPERATIONS

Staff spent **22,622 hours** verifying **34,125,832** application data points.

DOCUMENTS HANDLED

135,392 transcripts (including 74,281 e-transcripts) **10,884** letters of recommendation

AAMC SERVICES CONTACT CENTER*

SCC staff answered:
27,277 emails
83,472 calls
That's **546,890** minutes on the phone.

APPLICANTS AND ENROLLEES

51,550 applicants **21,336** accepted **20,321** enrolled

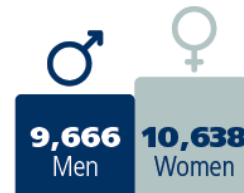
APPLICANTS

Average GPA **3.59**



ENROLLEES

Average GPA **3.73**



Youngest enrollee: **15**
Oldest enrollee: **53**

WHO ENROLLED?

1,662 AAMC Fee Assistance Program awardees

2,920 Number who identified as disadvantaged



36 Enrollees with DACA status

4,687 Enrollees who received a Pell Grant before medical school

SELF-IDENTIFICATION**

White **46.6%**
Asian **21.4%**
Multiple Race/Ethnicity **10.0%**
Black or African American **7.4%**
Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin **6.5%**
4.9% Unknown Race/Ethnicity
1.7% Other Race/Ethnicity
0.2% American Indian or Alaska Native
0.1% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
1.2% Non-U.S. Citizen and Nonpermanent Resident



MCAT® SCORES



54.7 Average number of courses taken

1,258 Average number of research lab hours

396.5 Average community service hours

*All service lines.

**Based on AAMC applicant matriculant data file; includes data from AAMC-member medical schools that do not participate in AMCAS.

II. Application services

Table A-23: MCAT and GPA Grid for Applicants and Acceptees to U.S. Medical Schools, 2017-2018 through 2019-2020 (aggregated)



The table below displays the acceptance rates at different MCAT and GPA levels for applicants and accepted applicants from 2017-2018 through 2019-2020. The frequencies are combined totals of both years. Please email datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

Acceptance Rate for Applicants		Total MCAT Scores									All Applicants	
		Less than 486	486-489	490-493	494-497	498-501	502-505	506-509	510-513	514-517		Greater than 517
Total GPA												
Greater than 3.79	Acceptees	4	9	58	298	1,007	2,603	4,945	6,573	6,312	6,893	28,702
	Applicants	159	320	726	1,584	3,272	5,435	7,957	8,778	7,711	7,848	43,790
	Acceptance rate %	2.5	2.8	8.0	18.8	30.8	47.9	62.1	74.9	81.9	87.8	65.5
3.60-3.79	Acceptees	3	8	55	300	1,017	2,181	3,770	4,670	3,526	2,364	17,894
	Applicants	382	613	1,313	2,492	4,251	6,291	7,565	7,228	4,793	2,924	37,852
	Acceptance rate %	0.8	1.3	4.2	12.0	23.9	34.7	49.8	64.6	73.6	80.8	47.3
3.40-3.59	Acceptees	5	10	53	266	748	1,340	2,034	2,290	1,552	881	9,179
	Applicants	570	846	1,593	2,683	4,023	5,059	5,472	4,497	2,494	1,252	28,489
	Acceptance rate %	0.9	1.2	3.3	9.9	18.6	26.5	37.2	50.9	62.2	70.4	32.2
3.20-3.39	Acceptees	1	6	35	155	424	683	865	865	571	252	3,857
	Applicants	705	835	1,474	2,183	2,821	3,176	2,921	2,170	1,123	443	17,851
	Acceptance rate %	0.1	0.7	2.4	7.1	15.0	21.5	29.6	39.9	50.8	56.9	21.6
3.00-3.19	Acceptees	3	7	17	94	226	327	359	339	168	100	1,640
	Applicants	777	743	1,030	1,433	1,596	1,591	1,411	1,004	408	201	10,194
	Acceptance rate %	0.4	0.9	1.7	6.6	14.2	20.6	25.4	33.8	41.2	49.8	16.1
2.80-2.99	Acceptees	5	3	14	30	67	126	132	86	48	24	535
	Applicants	673	549	659	700	756	737	565	324	169	58	5,190
	Acceptance rate %	0.7	0.5	2.1	4.3	8.9	17.1	23.4	26.5	28.4	41.4	10.3
2.60-2.79	Acceptees	0	4	2	11	34	44	33	21	23	6	178
	Applicants	468	320	396	354	401	267	186	113	57	18	2,580
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	1.3	0.5	3.1	8.5	16.5	17.7	18.6	40.4	33.3	6.9
2.40-2.59	Acceptees	0	1	3	8	5	12	17	12	4	-	64
	Applicants	331	176	175	170	124	93	69	46	16	-	1,206
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.6	1.7	4.7	4.0	12.9	24.6	26.1	25.0	-	5.3
2.20-2.39	Acceptees	0	0	0	2	5	8	5	3	-	-	29
	Applicants	194	96	83	61	44	39	32	21	-	-	579
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	11.4	20.5	15.6	14.3	-	-	5.0
2.00-2.19	Acceptees	0	0	1	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
	Applicants	107	30	29	20	-	13	-	-	-	-	221
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	-	7.7	-	-	-	-	1.4
Less than 2.00	Acceptees	0	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Applicants	51	14	14	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	7.1	7.1	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
All Applicants	Acceptees	21	49	239	1,164	3,533	7,325	12,160	14,859	12,209	10,524	62,083
	Applicants	4,417	4,542	7,492	11,690	17,297	22,703	26,187	24,186	16,779	12,753	148,046
	Acceptance rate %	0.5	1.1	3.2	10.0	20.4	32.3	46.4	61.4	72.8	82.5	41.9

II. Application services

D0 schools (osteopathic medicine)

- AACOM: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
- AACOMAS: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service
 - AACOMAS Applicant Help Center

II. Application services

D0 schools (osteopathic medicine)

2021 cycle dates:

- 5/5/20 primary app opens for submission
- 6/15/20 first day verified apps sent to individual schools

II. Application services

D0 schools (osteopathic medicine)

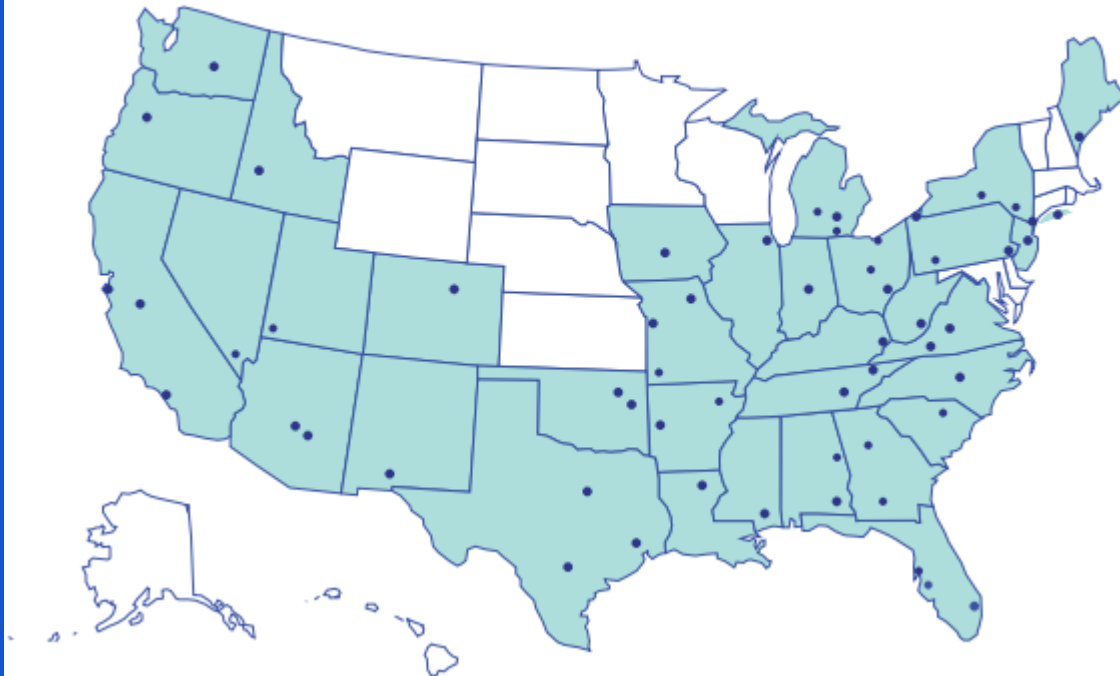
2021 cycle fees:

- AACOMAS application fee (one school included): \$196
- Each additional school: \$46

II. Application services

- [Choose DO Explorer](#)
- [2020-2021 Student Guide to Osteopathic Medical Colleges](#)

The American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) accredits 36 colleges of osteopathic medicine offering instruction at 57 locations in 33 states.



II. Application services

Mean Grade Point Averages (GPAs) for Entering Students

Baccalaureate GPA				
Group	2016	2017	2018	2019
Science	3.45	3.43	3.43	3.39
Non-Science	3.64	3.64	3.65	3.60
Mean GPA	3.54	3.53	3.54	3.48

Mean Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) Scores for Entering Students

MCAT2015	2017	2018	2019
Psychological, Social, & Biological Foundations of Behavior	126.2	126.5	126.31
Biological & Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	126.0	126.2	125.75
Chemical & Physical Foundations of Biological Systems	125.7	125.8	125.42
Critical Analysis & Reasoning Skills	125.2	125.4	125.01
TOTAL MCAT	503.1	503.9	501.49

For more applicant and matriculant information, the 2019 applicant and many other reports are available at www.aacom.org/research.

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II. Application services

Dental schools

- ADEA: American Dental Education Association
- AADSAS: Associated American Dental Schools Application Service
 - AADSAS Applicant Help Center

II. Application services

Dental schools

2021 cycle dates:

- 5/12/20 primary app opens
- 6/2/20 submission button available
- *Schools begin to notify applicants of acceptances on 12/1 and continue until their classes are full.*

II. Application services

Dental schools

2020 cycle fees:

- AADSAS application fee (one school included): \$251
- Each additional school: \$108

II. Application services

- ADEA Dental School Explorer: \$25 (1 year)
- ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools: \$40
- Bundle: \$50



DAT SCORES: FIRST-YEAR, FIRST-TIME ENROLLEES

Score Type	Mean	5th and 95th Percentiles
Academic Average	21.4	19–24
Perceptual Ability	20.7	18–24
Total Science	21.4	19–24

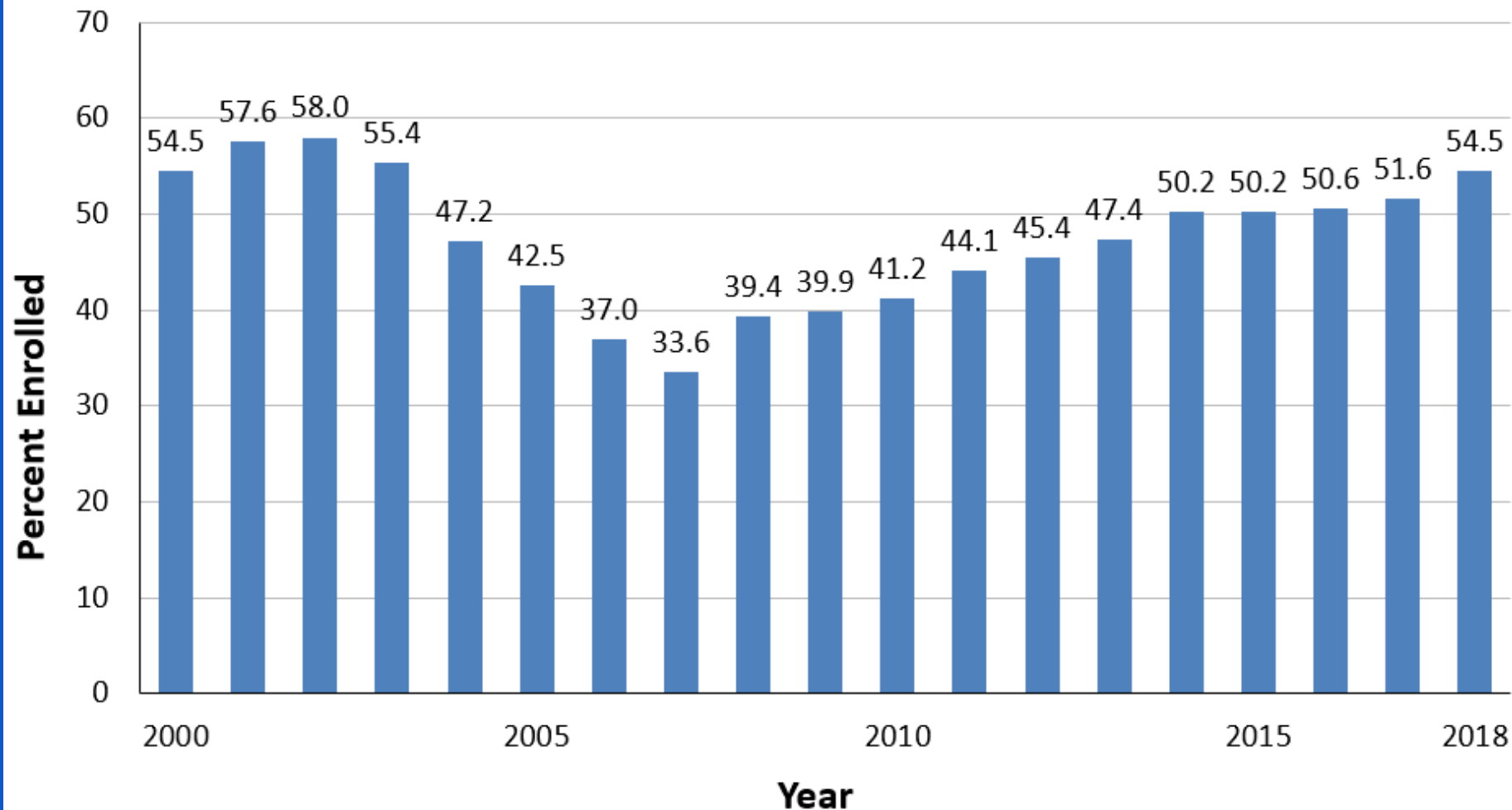
GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): FIRST-YEAR, FIRST-TIME ENROLLEES

Subject Matter	Mean Combined Graduate and Undergraduate	5th and 95th Percentiles Combined Graduate and Undergraduate
Science	3.5	2.90–3.97
Total	3.6	3.09–3.96

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II. Application services

Percent of Applicants Enrolled in Dental School, 2000 to 2018



II. Application services

Percent of Applicants and Enrollees by Range of Grade Point Averages, 2018

GPA Scores	<2.50	2.50 – 2.74	2.75 – 2.99	3.0 – 3.24	3.25 – 3.49	3.5 – 3.74	3.75+
Applicants							
Science GPA	5.5%	7.4%	12.4%	18.6%	21.3%	18.7%	16.0%
Total GPA	1.9%	3.9%	8.2%	16.9%	24.1%	25.4%	19.6%
Enrollees							
Science GPA	1.1%	3.0%	6.6%	15.7%	24.4%	25.1%	24.1%
Total GPA	0.2%	1.1%	3.6%	10.3%	22.9%	32.3%	29.5%

II. Application services

Percent of Applicants and Enrollees by Range of DAT Scores, 2018

DAT Scores	<14	14 - 16	17 - 18	19 - 20	21+
Applicants					
Academic Average	0.6%	9.4%	23.3%	33.9%	32.8%
Perceptual Ability	0.8%	10.2%	23.1%	32.9%	33.1%
Total Science	1.6%	12.5%	23.0%	32.0%	31.0%
Enrollees					
Academic Average	0.1%	1.0%	13.8%	37.9%	47.1%
Perceptual Ability	0.2%	4.2%	18.2%	35.4%	42.0%
Total Science	0.1%	2.0%	16.0%	37.1%	44.7%

II. Application services

Texas Medical & Dental Schools

- Texas Health Education Service
- TMDSAS: Texas Medical & Dental Schools

Application Service

- Application Handbook EY 2020 (2021 Handbook not yet available)

II. Application services

Texas Medical & Dental Schools

- **2021 cycle dates:** 5/1/20 primary app opens for submission

II. Application services

Texas Medical & Dental Schools

- **2020 cycle fees:** \$185 TMDSAS application fee (flat fee for all schools)

II. Application services

Academic Statistics

		Applicants		Matriculants	
		#	%	#	%
GPA Distribution	4.00 - 3.91	1060	18%	511	31%
	3.90 - 3.81	777	13%	330	20%
	3.80 - 3.71	766	13%	277	17%
	3.70 - 3.61	690	12%	214	13%
	3.60 - 3.51	605	10%	141	9%
	3.50 - 3.41	498	9%	79	5%
	3.40 - 3.31	372	6%	53	3%
	3.30 - 3.21	299	5%	22	1%
	3.20 - 3.01	381	7%	24	1%
	3.00 - 2.76	217	4%	2	0%
	2.75 - 2.51	80	1%	0	0%
	2.50 - Under	46	1%	0	0%
	Not Reported	20	0%	1	0%
	Average	3.58		3.77	

BCPM GPA Distribution	4.00 - 3.91	935	16%	448	27%
	3.90 - 3.81	546	9%	234	14%
	3.80 - 3.71	584	10%	249	15%
	3.70 - 3.61	541	9%	183	11%
	3.60 - 3.51	504	9%	144	9%
	3.50 - 3.41	441	8%	137	8%
	3.40 - 3.31	418	7%	83	5%
	3.30 - 3.21	390	7%	52	3%
	3.20 - 3.01	568	10%	69	4%
	3.00 - 2.76	429	7%	32	2%
	2.75 - 2.51	203	3%	4	0%
	2.50 - Under	179	3%	1	0%
	Not Reported	73	1%	18	1%
	Average	3.46		3.69	

New MCAT (After 2015)

		Applicants		Matriculants	
		#	%	#	%
New MCAT Score Distribution	Over 521	117	2%	28	2%
	517-521	436	8%	182	11%
	512-516	875	15%	383	23%
	507-511	1228	21%	518	31%
	502-506	1193	21%	389	24%
	497-501	823	14%	92	6%
	492-496	456	8%	1	0%
	487-491	255	4%	0	0%
	482-486	130	2%	0	0%
	477-481	55	1%	0	0%
	472-476	8	0%	0	0%
	Not Reported**	235	4%	61	4%
	Average	505.3		509.9	

** Applicants with only MCAT A scores are reported as "Not Reported" in this distribution chart.

New MCAT Sub-Test Averages

	Total	CPBS	CARS	BBFL	PSBB
Applicants	505.6	126.3	125.9	126.6	126.8
Matriculants	509.9	127.5	126.8	127.7	127.9

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II. Application services

PA schools

- PAEA: Physician Assistant Education Association
- CASPA: Central Application Service for Physician Assistants
 - CASPA Applicant Help Center

II. Application services

PA schools

2021 cycle dates:

- 4/30/20 primary app opens for submission

II. Application services

PA schools

2021 cycle fees:

- CASPA application fee (one school included): \$179
- Each additional school: \$55

II. Application services

➤ PAEA Program Directory

PAEA Program Directory

All Programs About

Visit the [2019-2020 CASPA Application](#) to view participating program pages. Each program page includes the most up-to-date information about key requirements for the current cycle. Students can create an account and view the program information even if they are not planning to apply in the current cycle.

State

Connecticut ▼

Degree offered

▼

CASPA member

▼

GRE requirement

▼

Health care experience

▼

Search results: 6 programs

The current directory data will be updated for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle over the next month. All data in the directory is reported directly by the programs.

Program	State	Accreditation
Quinnipiac University	Connecticut	Continuing
Sacred Heart University	Connecticut	Provisional
University of Bridgeport	Connecticut	Continuing
University of Saint Joseph	Connecticut	Provisional
Yale University Physician Assistant Online Program	Connecticut	Provisional
Yale University Physician Associate Program	Connecticut	Continuing

II. Application services

Optometry schools

- ASCO: Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
- OPTOMCAS: Optometry Centralized Application Service
 - OPTOMCAS Applicant Help Center

II. Application services

Optometry schools

2021 cycle dates:

- 6/30/20 primary app opens for submission

II. Application services

Optometry schools

2020 cycle fees:

- OPTOMCAS application fee (one school included): \$180
- Each additional school: \$70

II. Application services

Podiatry schools

- AACPM: American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
- AACPMAS: Optometry Centralized Application Service
 - AACPMAS Applicant Help Center

II. Application services

Podiatry schools

2020 cycle dates:

- 8/7/19 primary app opened for submission

II. Application services

Podiatry schools

2020 cycle fees:

- OPTOMCAS application fee (one school included): \$185
- Each additional school: \$50

III. Application components

1. Primary application
2. Secondary application
3. Test scores
4. Composite [committee] letter



III. Application components

- A school does not typically touch any part of your application until all 4 components are received.
- Our submission of the composite letter is completely independent of your submission of the primary and secondary applications as well as test scores.

III. Application components

1. Primary application

- “Common app” for each *type* of school
- Fee assistance programs:
 - AMCAS
 - AACOMAS
 - AADSAS
 - CASPA

III. Application components

The AMCAS Application

- Identifying Information
- Schools Attended
- Biographic Information
- Course Work
- Work/Activities
- Letters of Evaluation
- Medical Schools
- Essay(s)
- Standardized Tests

III. Application components

Work/Activities

Add Work/Activities

Experience Type *

Select Experience Type

Experience Name *



Indicate the total number of hours that you spent completing (or expect to complete) this work experience or activity during the date range that you indicate. If this is a repeated experience, enter the total number of hours for each date range you provide.

Start Date *

Select Month

Select Years

End Date *

Select Month

Select Years

Total Hours *

Repeated *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Organization Name

Country

Select Country

City

Contact Title *

- Maximum of 15 entries
Applicants can enter 3 additional date ranges for repeated activities
- Maximum of 3 “Most Meaningful”

Most Meaningful Experience Summary *

This is your opportunity to summarize why you have selected this experience as one of your most meaningful. In your remarks, you might consider the transformative nature of the experience; the impact you made while engaging in the experience and the personal growth you experienced as a result of your participation.

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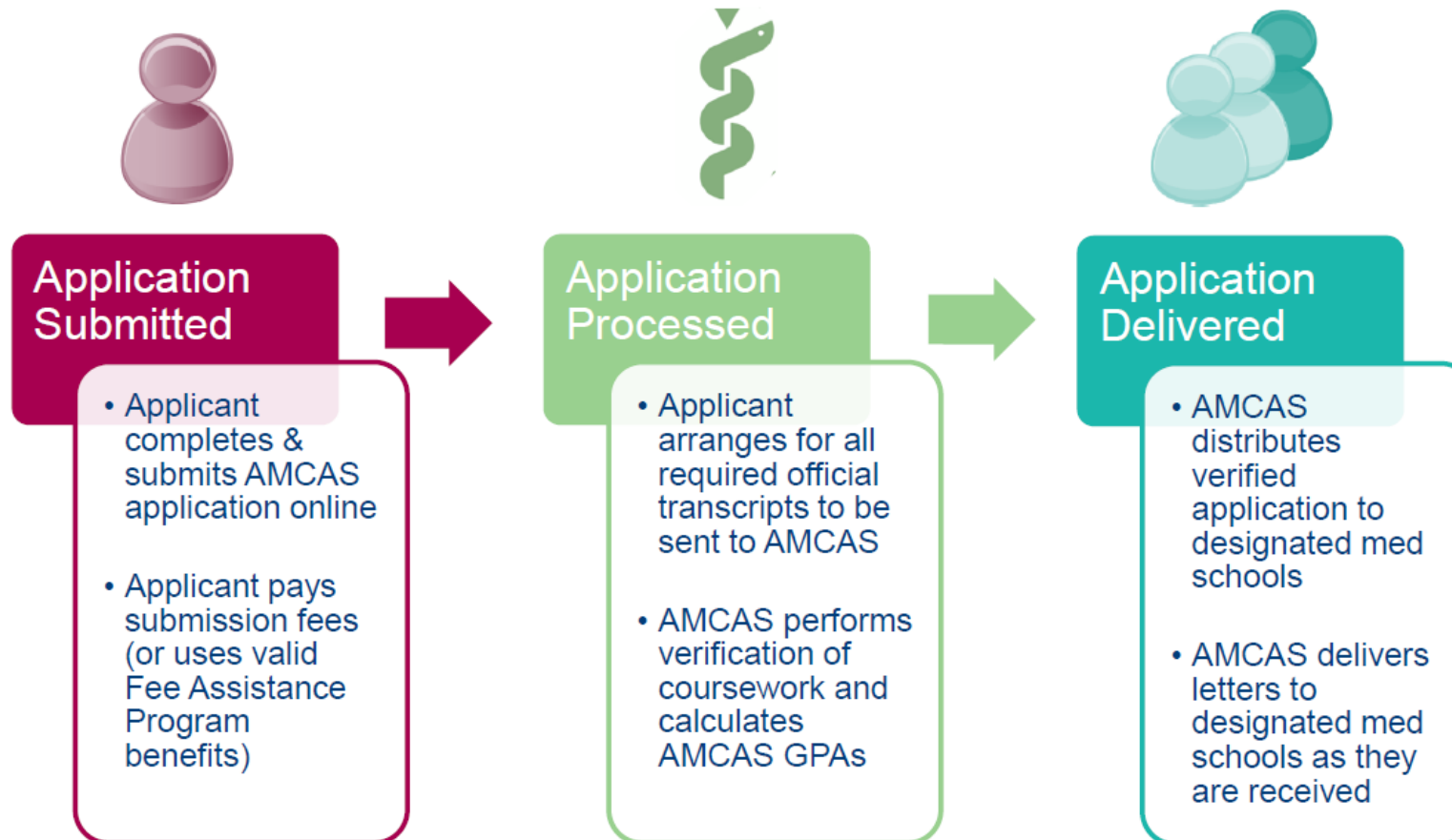
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III. Application components

How does AMCAS work?



The 2020 AMCAS application is now open. If you wish to start medical school in Fall 2020, please complete and submit the 2020 AMCAS application. **Please be sure to proofread your application before submitting.**

As of **February 4**, AMCAS is:

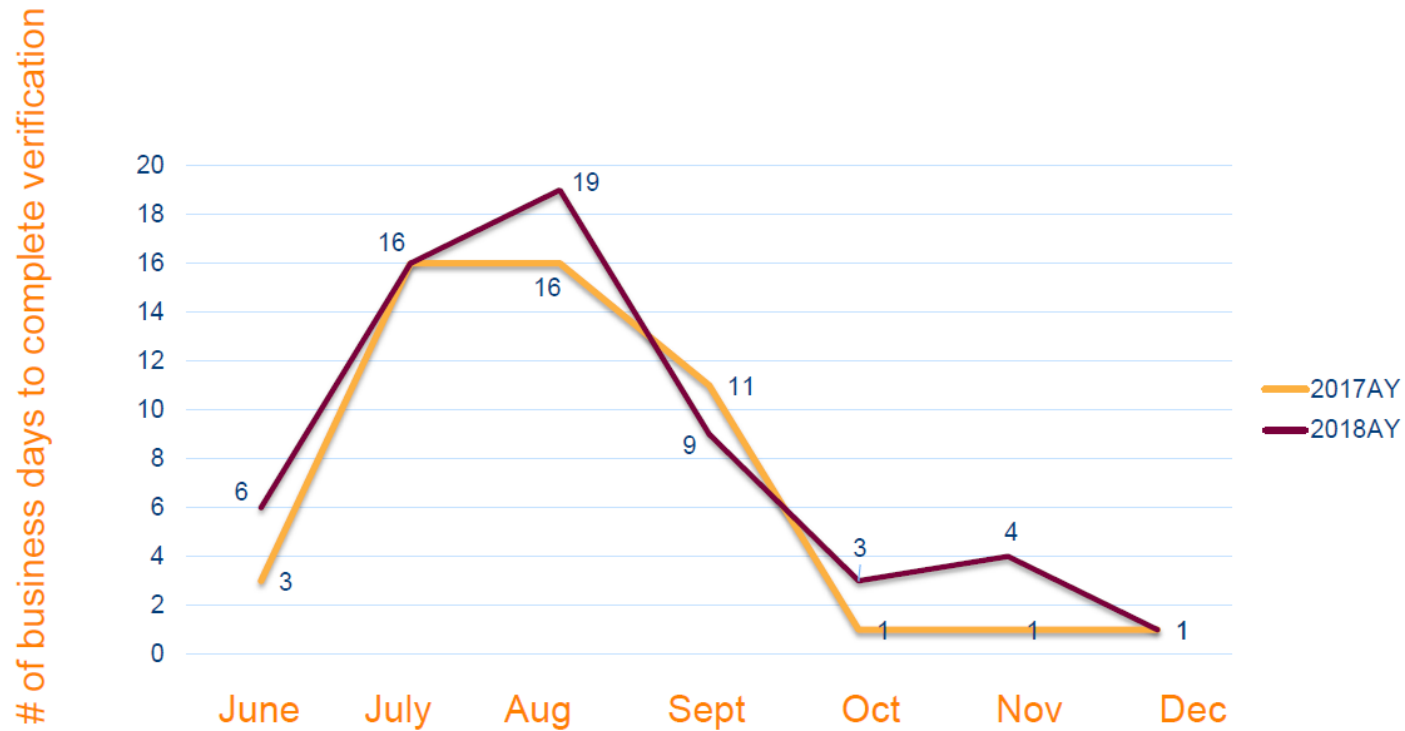
Marking transcripts as "Received" that were delivered on **February 3**.

Processing applications that reached "Ready for Review" on **February 3**.

Processing Academic Change Requests submitted on **February 3**.

III. Application components

AMCAS Verification



III. Application components

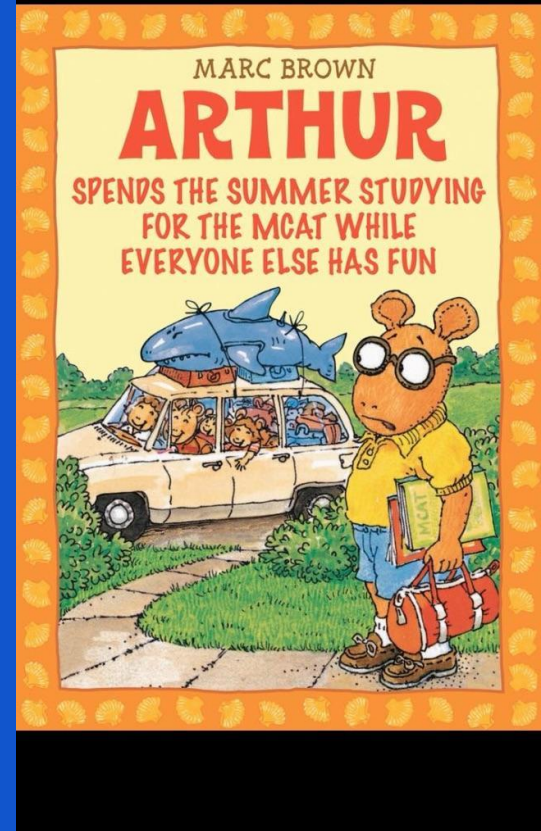
2. Secondary application

- “Supplementals” for each individual school
- CASPer exam
- Secondary essay prompts database

III. Application components

3. Test scores: MCAT

- 7 hours, 30 minutes
- [The MCAT Essentials for Testing Year 2020](#)
- [How to Create a Study Plan for the MCAT Exam](#)
- Registration for the July-September testing dates is now open!



III. Application components

3. Test scores: MCAT

- We strongly recommend that you take the MCAT no later than mid/late July.
- You can submit your primary application before you've even sat for the MCAT!

III. Application components

3. Test scores: MCAT

- You can take the MCAT...
 - up to 3 times in a single testing year
 - up to 4 times in 2 consecutive years
 - up to 7 times in a lifetime
- You can reschedule 48 hours after testing

III. Application components



2020 Schedule for the Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®)*



JAN						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

FEB						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

MAR						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

APR						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

MAY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

JUN						
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MCAT Admin	Score Release
Jan. 17	Feb. 18
Jan. 18	Feb. 18
Jan. 23	Feb. 25
March 14	April 14
March 27	May 1
April 4	May 5
April 24	May 27
April 25	May 27
May 9	June 9
May 15	June 16
May 16	June 16
May 21	June 23
May 29	June 30
June 5	July 7
June 19	July 21
June 20	July 21
June 27	July 28
July 7	Aug. 6
July 18	Aug. 18
July 23	Aug. 25
July 31	Sept. 1
Aug. 1	Sept. 1
Aug. 7	Sept. 9
Aug. 8	Sept. 9
Aug. 14	Sept. 15
Aug. 29	Sept. 29
Sept. 3	Oct. 6
Sept. 4	Oct. 6
Sept. 11	Oct. 13
Sept. 12	Oct. 13

III. Application components

2020 REGISTRATION FEES

	Gold Zone (deadline is 29 days before test date)*	Silver Zone (deadline is 15 days before test date)*	Bronze Zone (deadline is 8 days before test date)*
Initial registration	\$320	\$320	\$375
Date and/or test center reschedule fee**	\$95	\$160	N/A
Cancellation refund	\$160	N/A	N/A
International fee**	\$115	\$115	\$115

2020 FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FEES

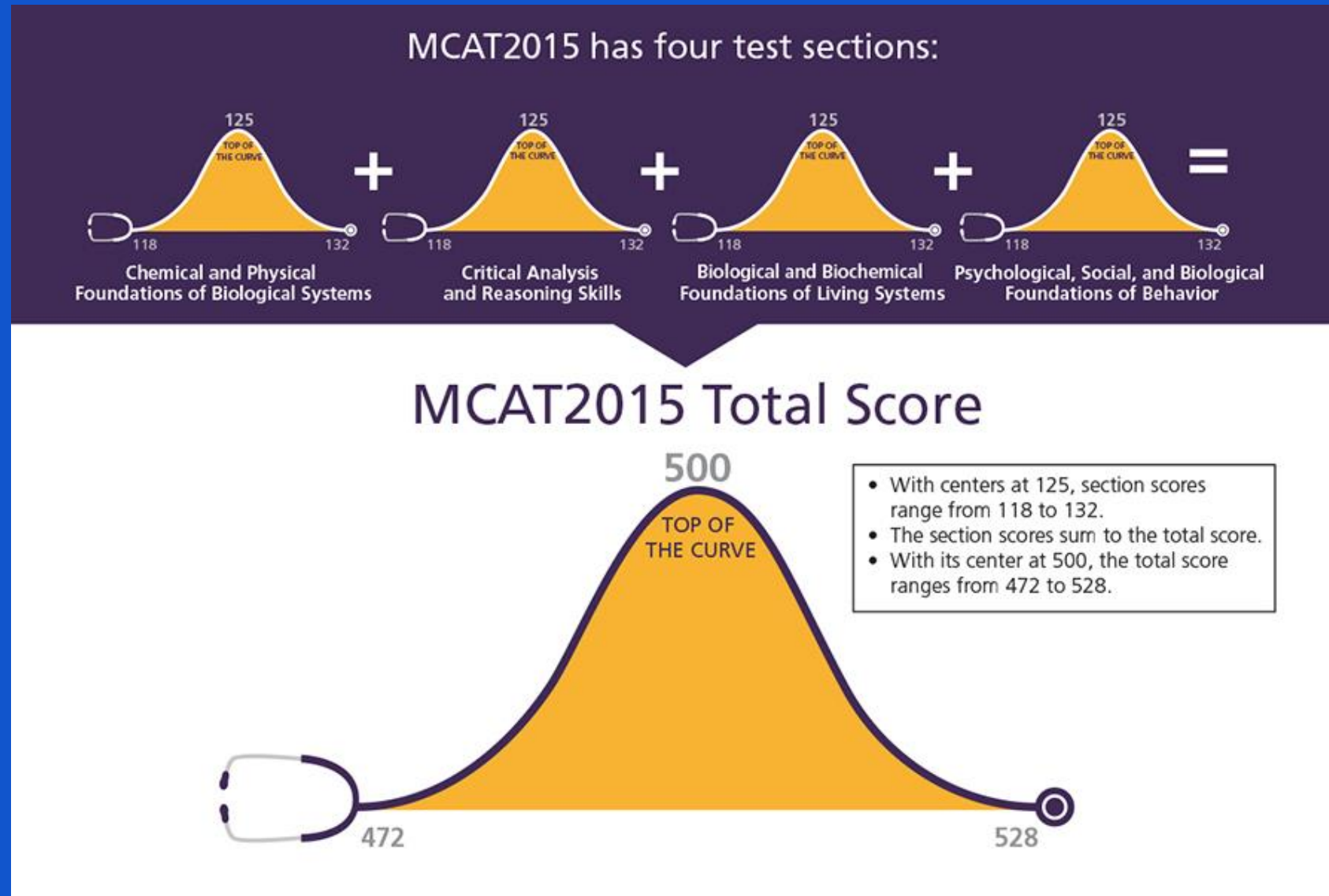
	Gold Zone (deadline is 29 days before test date)*	Silver Zone (deadline is 15 days before test date)*	Bronze Zone (deadline is 8 days before test date)*
Fee assistance registration	\$130	\$130	\$185
Fee assistance reschedule**	\$50	\$75	N/A
Fee assistance cancellation refund	\$65	N/A	N/A
Fee assistance international fee**	\$115	\$115	\$115

Note: All fees are in U.S. dollars.

*All deadlines are 11:59 p.m. local test center time.

**These fees are in addition to the initial registration fee and are non-refundable.

III. Application components



III. Application components

3. Test scores: DAT

- 5 hours, 15 minutes
- [DAT 2020 Program Guide](#)
- You can retake the DAT up to 3 times
- You must wait 90 days between sittings

III. Application components

FEE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FEE AMOUNT
DAT Fee	This fee includes administration and official score reporting to all dental schools selected at the time of application; an unofficial score report issued at the testing center (no other report will be sent); and score reporting to the candidate's pre-dental advisor (if selected on the application).	\$475
Score Report Fee (optional)	This fee covers score report requests made after the time of application. There is no additional charge for score report requests received at the time of application.	\$45 per recipient
Score Audit Fee (optional)	For a period of 30 days after a testing appointment, the DAT Program is willing to audit a candidate's DAT results.	\$65
Eligibility Extension Fee	Candidates can extend their eligibility period for a fee. The extension is for 45 days within the designated testing window and is available once per application.	\$125

NUMBER OF DAYS PRIOR TO TESTING APPOINTMENT	RESCHEDULE FEE
1 to 5 business days* prior to the testing appointment, and at least 24 hours before the appointment is scheduled to begin.	\$150
6 to 30 business days prior to the testing appointment.	\$60
31 or more business days prior to the testing appointment.	\$25

*Saturdays and Sundays are **NOT** business days

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III. Application components

3. Test scores: OAT

- 5 hours, 5 minutes
- [OAT 2020 Candidate Guide](#)
- You can retake the OAT up to 3 times
- You must wait 90 days between sittings

III. Application components

FEE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FEE AMOUNT
OAT Fee	This fee includes administration and official score reporting to all optometry schools selected at the time of application; an unofficial score report issued at the testing center (no other report will be sent); and score reporting to the candidate's pre-optometry advisor (if selected on the application).	\$490*
Score Report Fee (optional)	This fee covers score report requests for optometry schools or other recipients made after the time of application. There is no additional charge for score report requests received at the time of application.	\$45 per recipient
Score Audit Fee (optional)	For a period of 30 days after a testing appointment, the OAT Program is willing to audit a candidate's OAT results.	\$65
Eligibility Extension Fee	Candidates can extend their eligibility period for a fee. The extension is for 45 days within the designated testing window and is available once per application.	\$125

*Fee in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021

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1 to 5 business days* prior to the testing appointment, and at least 24 hours before the appointment is scheduled to begin.	\$150
6 to 30 business days prior to the testing appointment.	\$60
31 or more business days prior to the testing appointment.	\$25

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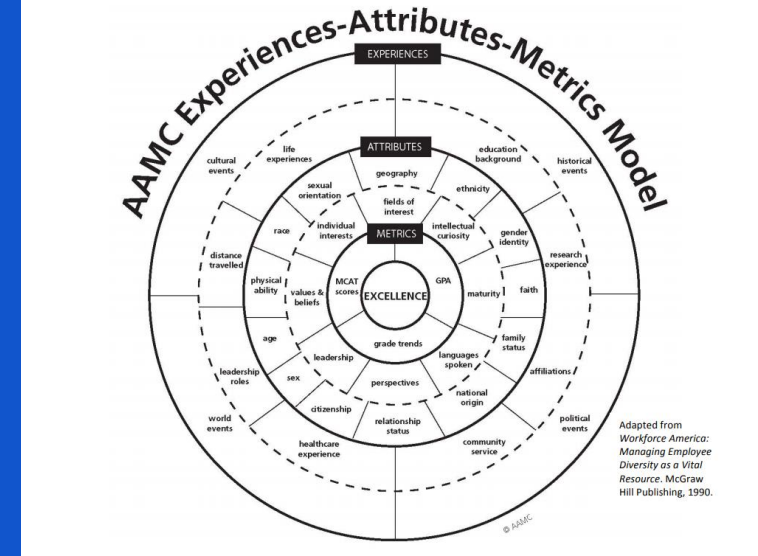
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III. Application components

➤ Holistic admissions

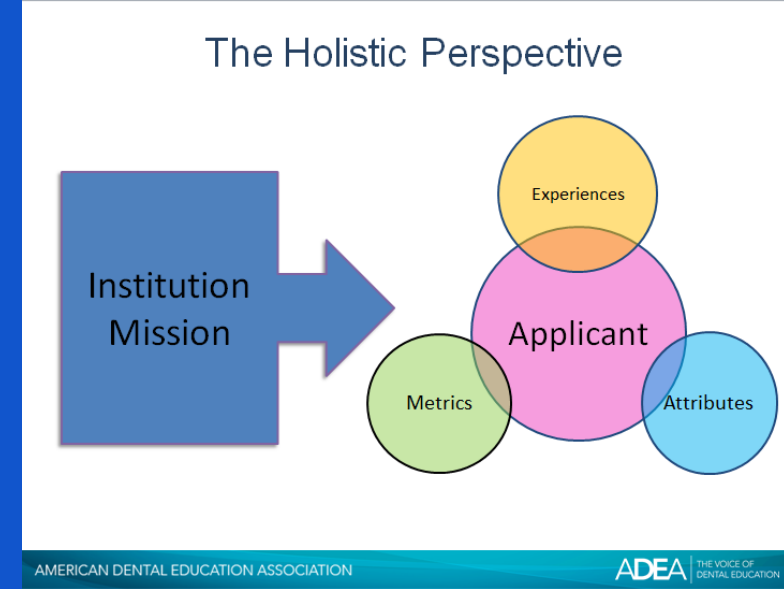
“Holistic review is an admissions process that considers each applicant individually by balancing their academic metrics with experiences and attributes.” (AAMC)



III. Application components

➤ Holistic admissions

“Holistic review—a flexible, individualized applicant assessment tool—provides admissions committees a balanced means of considering candidates’ personal experiences, attributes and academic credentials, along with qualities and characteristics that would prove valuable in both dental school and the oral health profession.” (ADEA)



III. Application components



➤ AAMC's 15 Core Competencies

Service orientation	Capacity for improvement
Social skills	Critical thinking
Cultural competence	Quantitative reasoning
Teamwork	Scientific inquiry
Oral communication	Written communication
Ethical responsibility to self and others	Living systems
Reliability and dependability	Human behavior
Resilience and adaptability	

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IV. Composite letters & process

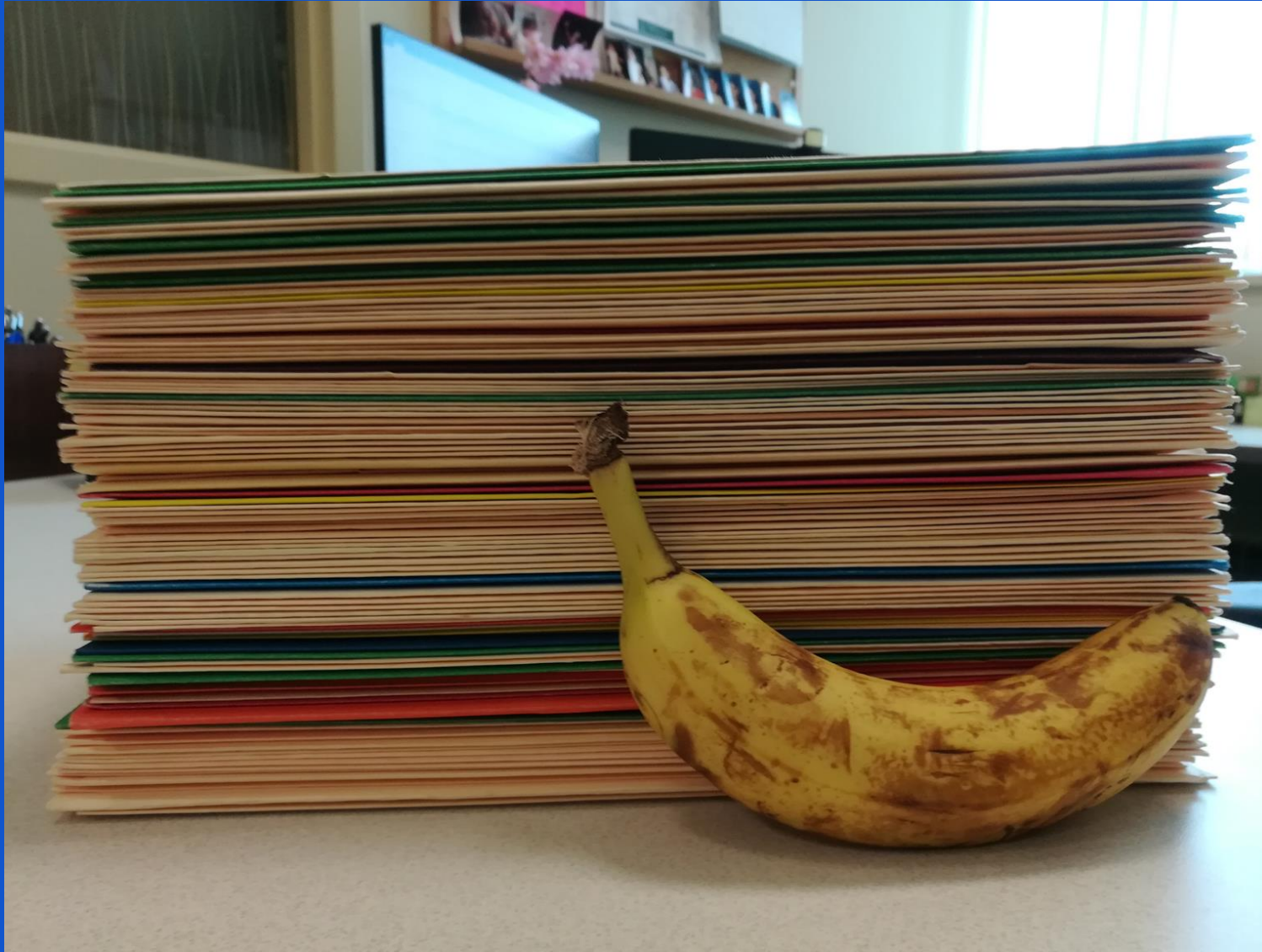
What is a composite [committee] letter?

“A letter authored by a pre-health committee or pre-health advisor and intended to represent your institution’s evaluation of you. A Committee Letter may or may not include additional letters written in support of your application. This is sometimes called a Composite Letter.” (AAMC)

IV. Composite letters & process

- During the **2020 cycle**, our office submitted...
 - **225** composites to AMCAS
 - **111** composites to AACOMAS
 - **44** composites to AADSAS
 - **8** composites to CASPA
 - **8** composites to TMDSAS
 - **2** composites to OPTOMCAS
 - **27** composites to international schools

IV. Composite letters & process



Banana for scale

IV. Composite letters & process

- If at any point in the application cycle you decide to defer your application until the 2022 cycle, please contact our office as soon as you arrive at that decision.

IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 1

How is a composite letter different from a letter packet or individual letters of recommendation, and is it necessary?

- *Most comprehensive model--at UConn, we do include individual LOR within it.*
- *Yes and no...*

IV. Composite letters & process

Letters of Evaluation

Add Letter of Evaluation/Recommendation

i Many medical schools determine whether or not an applicant has met their letter of evaluation/recommendation requirements by the type of letters they receive in support of an application. For example, a medical school may require a committee letter OR three individual letters in support of your application.

Please review the [AMCAS Applicant Guide](#) for more information about Letters of Evaluation.

Please identify the type of letter you wish to enter. If you are uncertain as to the type of letters provided by your school/institution, please ask your pre-health advisor or career center prior to answering this question.

☐ Committee Letter:

A committee is a letter authored by a pre-health committee or pre-health advisor and intended to represent your institution's evaluation of you. A committee letter may or may not include additional letters written in support of your application. A Committee Letter is sometimes called a composite letter.

☐ Letter Packet:

A packet or set of letters assembled and distributed by your institution, often by the institution's career center.

☐ Individual Letter:

An individual letter refers only to a letter authored by, and representing, a single letter writer. If you have already included an individual letter within either a committee letter or letter packet, you do not need to add a separate entry for the individual letter.

Letter Title

Please enter a title for this letter

Applicants can
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before AMCAS
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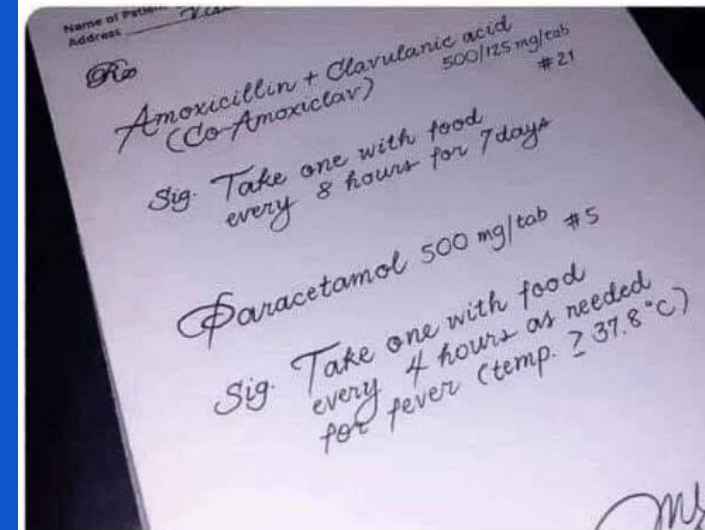
IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 2

Who writes my composite letter?

- *Pre-med & other composites: written jointly by Drs. Sanford & Albert*
- *Pre-dent composites: written by Dr. Abbott*

This one is a shame to the medical profession . Such unprofessional handwriting.



Shame!! 🚨🚨🚨 Shame !!! 🚨🚨
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IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 3

Who assembles and submits my composite letter?


- *Office staff*
- *Assembly line process with much coordination between people*

IV. Composite letters & process

➤ Pre-Medical composite timeline

NEW APPLICANTS ONLY–2021 Cycle Composite Letter Timeline

All applicants must complete the following by 3/1/20 at 11:59 pm in this order. We strongly encourage you to complete these early as interviews will be assigned as requests are received.

1. Register for the portal [here](#) .

2. Complete the Student Registration, Competency-Based Admissions, HPED, Questions, and Resume pages of your portal.

3. Once you have completed those five sections, check the “I am ready to submit my application” box. The system will prompt you to enter your availability for an initial composite interview. Once we have received the request, a member of our staff will contact you shortly with a date and time.

4. Send out requests for individual letters of recommendation through your References page (*can be completed following your composite interview*).

IV. Composite letters & process

Cycle #1 – Composite letter will be submitted by 7/31/20 (provided all deadlines below are followed). Early submissions will be submitted as they are completed.

Composite letter submitted by 7/31/20:

Confirm your MCAT will be taken by **6/27/20** (list of 2020 MCAT dates [here](#) [.pdf](#) [🔗](#)).

Confirm all letters of recommendation have been fully uploaded to your References page. Check the box that reads "Please check this box when ALL of your individual letters of recommendation have been uploaded to your References page." **6/1/20**

Complete the Course Grades and IDs pages of your portal. **6/1/20**

Complete the Exams page of your portal when your scores become available. *Varies*

If any of the above materials are NOT submitted by the deadlines above, your composite letter will be submitted during the next composite letter cycle.

Cycle #2 – Composite letter will be submitted by 8/31/20 (provided all deadlines below are followed). Early submissions will be submitted as they are completed.

Composite letter submitted by 8/31/20:

Confirm your MCAT will be taken by **7/31/20** (list of 2020 MCAT dates [here](#) [.pdf](#) [🔗](#)).

Confirm all letters of recommendation have been fully uploaded to your References page. Check the box that reads "Please check this box when ALL of your individual letters of recommendation have been uploaded to your References page." **7/1/20**



Complete the Course Grades and IDs pages of your portal. **7/1/20**

Complete the Exams page of your portal when your scores become available. *Varies*

IV. Composite letters & process

➤ Pre-Dental composite timeline

NEW APPLICANTS ONLY–2021 Cycle Composite Letter Timeline

1. Register for the portal [here](#) . 3/1/20
2. Complete the Student Registration, Competency-Based Admissions, HPED, Questions, and Resume pages of your portal.
3. Once you have submitted those five sections, check the “I am ready to submit my application” box. The system will prompt you to enter your availability for a composite interview, but as a pre-dental student, please enter “N/A.” Dr. Abbott has traditionally not required a composite interview because he feels that he has gotten to know you throughout your four years at UConn well enough. However, if you are a transfer student or have never met him before, you may want to consider scheduling a regular appointment with him at nexus.uconn.edu  and indicate “composite interview” in the notes.
4. Send out requests for individual letters of recommendation through your References page.

1. Confirm all letters of recommendation have been fully uploaded to your References page. Check the box that reads “Please check this box when ALL of your individual letters of recommendation have been uploaded to your References page.” 5/1/20
2. Complete the Course Grades and IDs pages of your portal

Composite letter will be submitted by 7/31/20 (provided all deadlines above are followed). Early submissions will be submitted as they are completed.

IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 3

1. *Office receives notification that all LOR are in → office staff insert individual LOR then pass file off to advisors for drafting*
2. *File passed between relevant advisors, then back to office staff*
3. *When office staff deems file is ready (including no issues with individual LOR), pass back to advisors for final check*
4. *[All but pre-dent]*
 - a. *If waiting on test scores → hold composite until released*
 - b. *If not waiting on test scores → submit composite!*

IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 4

What does a composite interview entail?

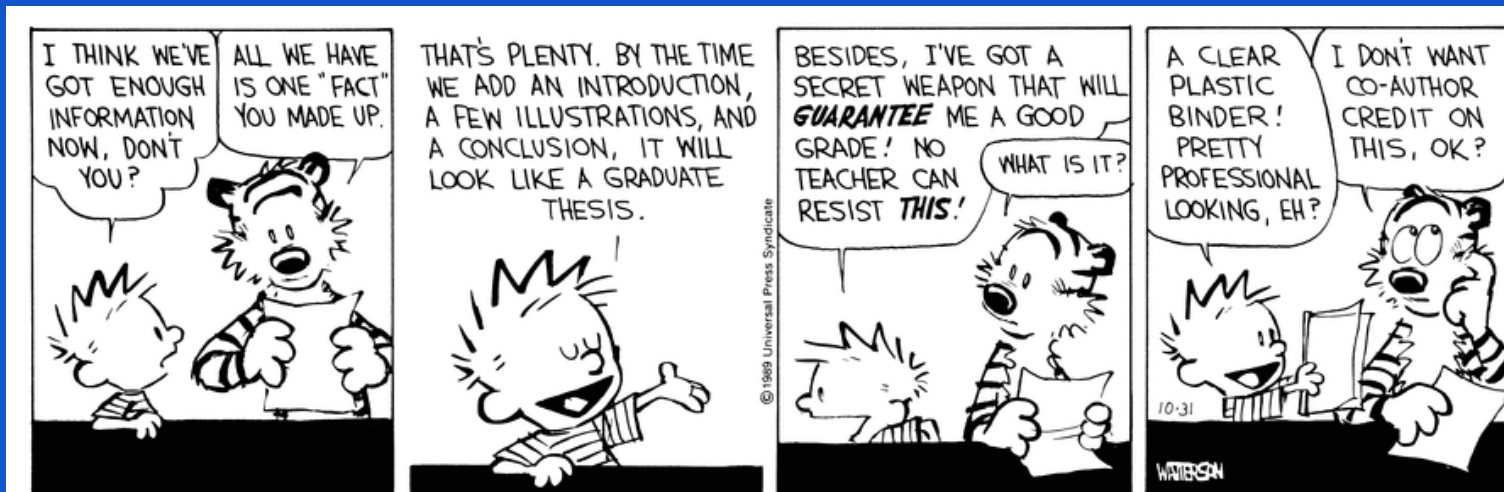
- *We do NOT usually conduct interviews for pre-dentals*
- ***Part I:** with Krista (logistics, gathering key information)*
- ***Part II:** with Dr. Albert OR Dr. Sanford (more interview-y feel)*
- *Each part is 20 minutes long*
- *Part II is scheduled together at the conclusions of Part I*

IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 5

Do I have to dress up for my composite interview?

- *No! Regular student dress is fine.*



IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 6

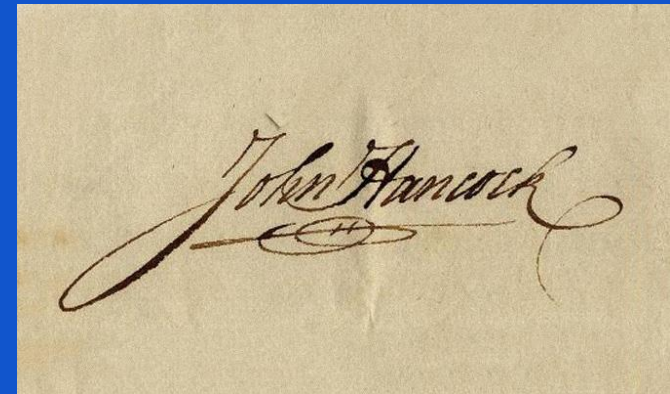
From whom should I request my individual letters of recommendation?

- *Based on what some schools require, we recommend:*
 - *2 science faculty LOR (MCB/PNB/EEB, CHEM, PHYS)*
 - *1 non-science faculty LOR*
 - *1 physician LOR (some DO schools require a DO LOR)*
 - *1 research PI LOR*
 - *1-2 character references*

IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 6

- *Schools are very finicky about formatting these days. We have had LOR be explicitly rejected.*
- *Individual LOR formatting:*
 - *Letterhead*
 - *Hand signature (electronic version of hand signature OK)*
 - *Dated*



IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 7

I'm applying to some master's programs and/or international schools that don't use the above "common" application services.

Can you send them my composite letter?

- *Absolutely--send us a cover message listing the names of ALL programs that you're applying to and submission instructions for each program (email or physical address or electronic link)*
- *Please avoid multiple emails!*

IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 8

What are the two IDs you need to submit my composite letter to AMCAS?

- AAMC ID: 8-digit number unique to each applicant
(yours for life)
- AMCAS Letter ID: 7-digit number unique to each
letter you request in the system

IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 9

Whose contact information should I use when I'm filling out my committee letter request in the CAS application services?

- *Please use Drs. Sanford, Albert, or Abbott's names but premed_predental@uconn.edu for the email.*

IV. Composite letters & process

FAQ 10

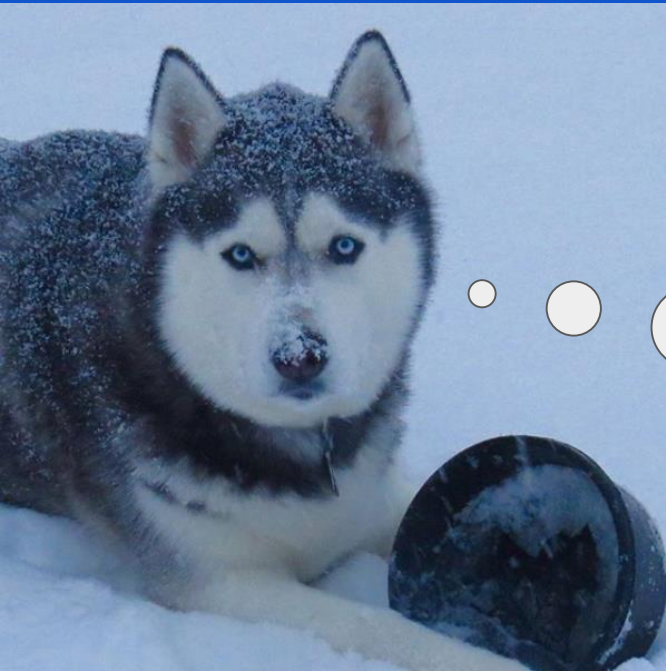
Can you forward my official transcript to my relevant application services?

- *No, only the UConn Registrar can do that. Fill out the appropriate transcript request form (found within your primary app) and forward to them.*

IV. Composite letters & process

A message from Dr. Abbott regarding:

- Composite interviews
- 4 letters of recommendation minimum



I need ALL individual letters of recommendation before I can draft your composite letter!

IV. Composite letters & process

- Remember to send your individual LOR writers a thank you message. It takes several hours to draft an excellent letter and some of them write dozens of LOR! Also, keep them updated throughout the application cycle.

IV. Composite letters & process

- Reapplicants & Previous Cycle Deferrals
- 2018 cycle and before applicants:
 - You no longer have access to the old portal (but our staff does)
 - Don't worry because we still have your individual letters of recommendation.
- Upcoming uniform cover sheet for all reapplicants & previous cycle deferrals--hang tight

V. The portal

1. What is the portal?
2. Old portal vs. new portal
3. Navigating the portal



V. The portal

Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Center

- Please complete the Student Registration, Competency-Based Admissions, HPED, Questions, and Resume pages below in order to submit a request for a composite interview with the Pre-Medical/Dental Center. The other pages can be completed after your interview as the information becomes available.
- You can click the “**Save Draft**” button on each individual page and modify items at a later time before clicking the “**Finish Page**” button when it is ready for final submission.
- **References** section is only available after finishing the **Student Registration** section.

Krista Rogers

Application Status - Submitted

Complete Checklist

✓	Student Registration	✓	Questions	Course Grades
✓	Competency-Based Admissions		Exams	IDs
✓	HPED		Resume	Draft References

☒ I am ready to schedule Pt I of my composite interview (20 minutes)

Please select this button once you have completed the Student Registration, Competency-Based Admissions, HPED, Questions, and Resume pages.

* Please list your availability for Pt I of your composite interview and whether you prefer it to be in person or via phone (e.g., Mondays 2-5 pm in person)

Note that composite interviews are conducted in two parts of 20 minutes each. Both parts, especially Pt I, can be conducted over the phone if that is most convenient for you, though we recommend that you complete Pt II in person if at all possible. A date and time for Pt II will be scheduled with you at the conclusion of Pt I. PRE-DENTAL APPLICANTS: please enter “N/A” when the system prompts you for a composite interview time.

Test

V. The portal

IMPORTANT: References page

☐ Please check this box when ALL of your individual letters of recommendation have been uploaded to your References page. Doing so will enter your file into a queue for our staff to proceed with the final drafting, editing, and submission of your composite letter.

V. The portal

FAQ 1

What if one of my letter writers contacts me to say that they're having trouble submitting their letter through the portal?

- *They can email it to premed_predental@uconn.edu or fax it to 860-486-0222.*
- *Do NOT have them send it directly to any advisor.*
- *We CANNOT accept any LOR directly from you.*

V. The portal

FAQ 2

How do I know if my individual letters of recommendation have correct formatting?

- *When the office staff are inserting your individual LOR, we will automatically reach out to you to let you know if we find any issues.*
- *This is the most time-consuming task for the office staff!*

VI. What happens after?



VI. What happens after?

- Familiarize yourself with your application service's “traffic rules”
- AMCAS:
 - [Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants](#)
 - [Choose Your Medical School tool](#) (opens in February)

VI. What happens after?

Timeline: What Applicants and Medical Schools Can Do and When

Date	Milestone	Applicant Activity	Medical School Actions
Feb. 19***	"Plan to Enroll" becomes available for applicants to select in the AMCAS application.	Applicants can begin to select "Plan to Enroll" for their top medical school choice. Applicants should use the tool at the direction of the schools to which they have applied.	Medical schools can run an aggregate report to determine how many applicants in their pool have selected "Plan to Enroll" for their school or for another school.**
April 15***	Applicant protocols ask applicants to narrow their acceptance offers to three.	Applicants holding more than three offers should narrow their offers of acceptance to three, with no limit on alternate-list offers.	Medical schools continue to submit timely admissions actions to the AMCAS program.
April 30***	"Commit to Enroll" becomes available to applicants in the AMCAS tool. "Plan to Enroll" remains available to applicants in the AMCAS tool.	Applicants should use the tool at the direction of the schools to which they have applied and can select "Plan to Enroll" or "Commit to Enroll" in the AMCAS tool. "Commit to Enroll" indicates that they have made their final selection and have withdrawn all other applications. <i>This does not automatically withdraw applicants from other medical schools.</i>	Medical schools can run detailed reports to identify their accepted and alternate-list applicants who have selected "Plan to Enroll" or "Commit to Enroll" at their school versus another school.
Post-cycle (around October)	AMCAS application cycle closes.	Applicants have matriculated.	Medical schools can see where applicants in their pool matriculated.

**Schools will only be able to access information on applicants who were accepted to their school. Schools will not be able view students who hold zero acceptances.

***AMCAS will email applicants who have an acceptance about the best practices of the Choose Your Medical School tool and the significance of the protocols.

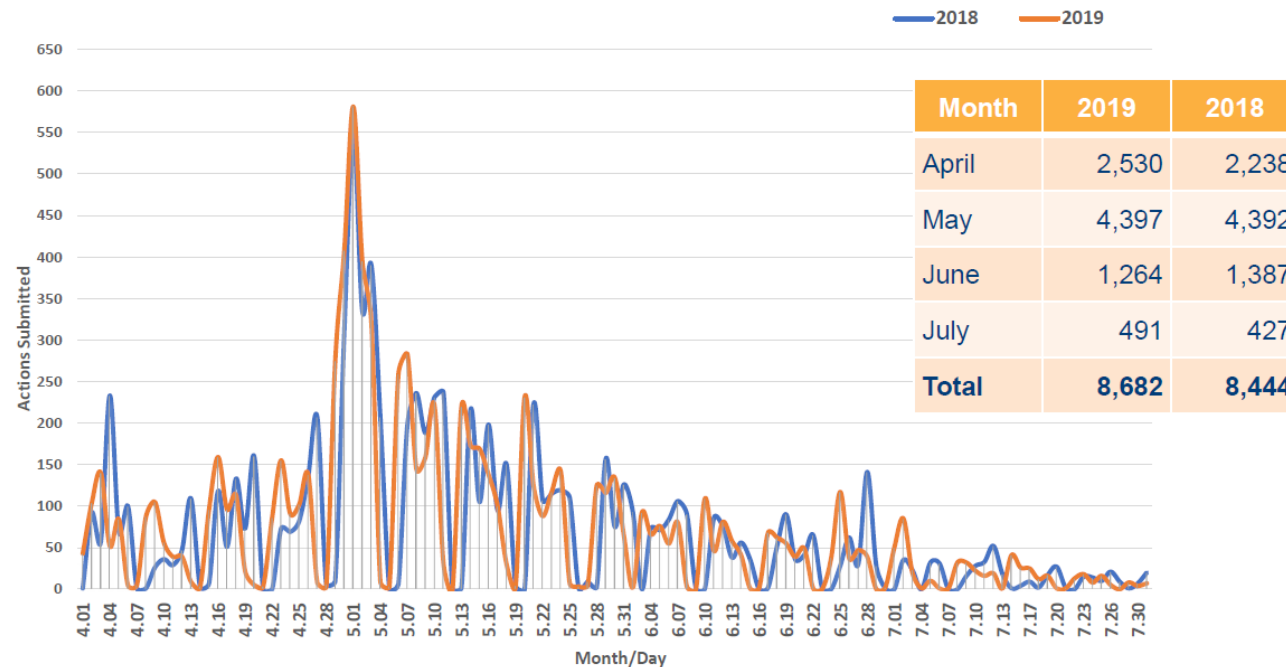
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VI. What happens after?

Acceptance Activity, Apr. – Jul.: 2019 vs. 2018



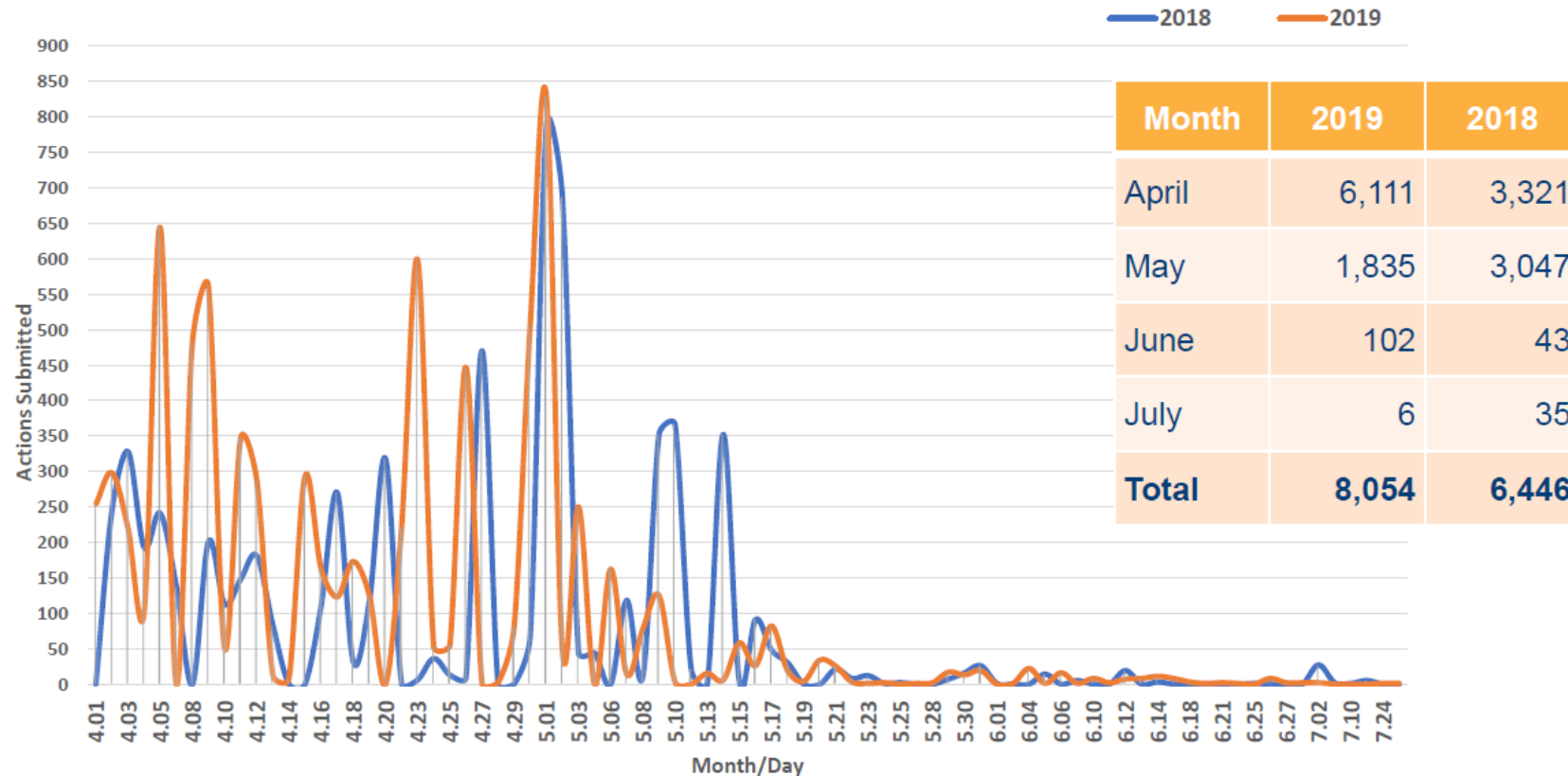
New Acceptances to Accepted Applicants

App Cycle	2019	2018	2017	2016
Month				
April 30	177	145	3	3
May	1,966	2,001	2,066	1,852
June	391	404	365	269
July	76	97	61	55
August	26	4	20	9
September	0	1	1	0
Totals	2,636	2,652	2,516	2,178

The table includes the number of accepted applicants that received a new acceptance by month.

VI. What happens after?

Alternate List Activity, Apr. – Jul.: 2019 vs. 2018



Note: >95% of schools submitted AL actions in 2019; 67% of schools submitted AL actions in 2018

VI. What happens after?

- Use caution when sending updates/letters of interest to schools: not all want them
- We are here to counsel you on ways to improve your application and/or enrichment year plans



VI. What happens after?

“I’m a former medical school admissions committee member, and at our school, there was no intrinsic disadvantage to being a re-applicant; a significant percentage of our entering medical school classes each year were students who applied more than once. When our committee evaluated a second application from an applicant, the key question was: How much and in what ways has this application changed since we saw it last? It was pretty common that applicants would submit essentially the same application as before, on a second (or third) attempt. If there weren’t any substantive changes in the application, the applicant wouldn’t be invited for an interview and would be rejected. However, when a re-applicant made the effort to identify the weaknesses in the first application and then worked on doing what was needed to strengthen those parts of the application, our admissions committee was positively impressed by the applicant’s persistence and willingness to work hard to improve the application. In general, I think it’s a mistake for an aspiring physician to submit the AMCAS application if the applicant knows there are areas of weakness in it (such as lower-than-competitive MCAT score). It’s a sure thing that if the applicant and the advisor can see a major weakness in an application, the medical school admissions committees will also see that weakness. In my experience, the strategy of ‘I’ll go ahead and submit my application, because I might get lucky and they might overlook my MCAT score because I’m a really nice person and I really want to be admitted to medical school’ rarely succeeds.”

(Adjunct Professor, University of North Carolina at Greensboro)

VII. Resources

➤ UConn Pre-Med/Dent Center workshops:

- All will be recorded and uploaded to

<https://premed.uconn.edu/videoseries/>

- **2021 Cycle Application Orientation: February 6 / 6-7:30 pm / Oak 101**
- **Selecting Schools to Apply to Workshop: March 2 / 3-4 pm / BOUS A106**
- **Personal Statements Workshop: March 11 / 3-4 pm / STRS WW16**
- **Secondary Applications Workshop: March 25 / 3-4 pm / STRS WW01**

VII. Resources

- Center for Career Development (CCD)
 - Personal statement review (also Writing Center)
 - Alumni networking: Husky Mentor Network
 - Navigating the Healthcare Admissions Interview (summer webinar and fall workshop)



VII. Resources

- AMCAS: 202-828-0600 / amcas@aamc.org
- AACOMAS: 617-612-2889 / aacomasinfo@liaisoncas.com
- AADSAS: 617-612-2045 / aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org
- TMDSAS: 512-499-4785 / info@tmdsas.com
- CASPA: 617-612-2080 / caspainfo@caspaonline.org
- OPTOMCAS: 617-612-2888 / optomcasinfo@optomcas.org
- AACPMAS: 617-612-2900 / aacpmasinfo@aacpmas.org

Applicants at the end of this presentation:



Any last questions?

Thank you!