UConn Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Office
Selecting Schools – Know Thyself

Career goals
Your skills, experiences, preferences
What have been the most inspiring and rewarding activities, experiences, aspirations.
Location - geography

In-State
Public vs Private
Metro vs Suburban
East Coast, West Coast
Major Metro – Multiple Schools
Overall School Mission Statement

Does the statement match your interest.

For Research, Clinical Practice, Teaching, Leadership, Technological Progress, Global Health, Service to Underserved Communities.
REPUTATION

How important is the school’s reputation, prestige, and history to you. What is the school most known for, how does the school promote and position itself.
Special Program Goals

Primary Care incentive track
Rural Underserved
Cutting Edge Technological Innovation
Research
Administration
Teaching
Community Based Education
Competitiveness

Number of applicants
Academic metrics
Holistic admissions
Academic Concerns

- Teaching technique emphasis
- Typical weekly schedule
- Regular curriculum
- Electives
- Faculty advising/mentorship
- Clinical site training
- Specialty hospitals
- Status of residencies program where you do clinical rotations

• It’s all about the patient
School Demographics

Class Size
Track Record:
  Gender
  Diversity
Unique Curricular Features
USMLE Exam Results
Residency Placement Results
SUMMARY

• Key Points:
  • Does school mission match your goals?
  • Does the school teaching methods match your preferred learning style?
• Access key sites for data
  • [www.aamc.org/msar](http://www.aamc.org/msar)
  • Individual school websites
  • [www.aamc.org/initiatives/cir](http://www.aamc.org/initiatives/cir)
  • School metrics