

Pre-Medicine

Interested in becoming a doctor? Learn about the prerequisites for admissions to medical school.

Medical School programs are four years in length, followed by a residency program.



Required Courses

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| 1 year Biological Sciences | BIO 012/012L and BIO 013/013L |
| 1 year Inorganic Chemistry | CHEM 001/003 and CHEM 002/004 |
| 1 year Organic Chemistry | CHEM 107/109 and CHEM 108/110 |
| 1 year Physics | PHY 011/011L and PHY 012/012L |
| 1 year Mathematics | MATH 050 and MATH 070 |
| 1 year English | First Year Seminar and an English writing course |

The 411 on Medical School

Superior academic work (students who are competitive for medical school typically have a 3.6 grade point average or higher) and strong scores on the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) are important components to a successful medical school application. A well-rounded program of extracurricular activities, including health care volunteer work and/or research, is also highly desired.

There are several medical centers, nursing homes, and clinics in the greater Des Moines area that may provide opportunities for qualified students to acquire patient care experiences. Undergraduate research and/or internship opportunities for qualified students may be available through Drake University and local industries such as Pioneer Hi-Bred International.

Students interested in medical school should plan to complete the MCAT in the spring of their junior year or summer before senior year. The application process begins with AMCAS. Secondary Applications are received by mail. Qualified students will be invited to campus for an interview.

As sophomores or juniors, Drake University health science majors can participate in the Early Acceptance program at Des Moines University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. You can apply, interview, and be conditionally accepted if you qualify.



For additional resources on medical school visit:

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine – <http://www.aacom.org>

Association of American Medical Colleges – <http://www.aamc.org>

AMCAS – <http://www.amcas.org>

MCAT – <http://www.aamc.org/mcat>