

7 Medical School Application Questions You Need Answered

If you're applying to medical school, asking these 7 questions can eliminate a lot of confusion.



1. When should I start working on my applications?

- Begin as soon as possible!
- Check each school's application deadlines (some offer rolling admissions and multiple start terms).

2. Which medical schools should I apply to?

- Review residency placements, student performance data, and consider your own goals and preferences.
- Consider alternative programs such as Caribbean and International medical schools.

3. How many schools should I apply to?

- On average, prospective medical students apply to a total of 16 schools.

4. How much does it cost to apply to medical school?

- The initial AMCAS* application fee is \$170. For each additional school you apply to, add a fee of \$39. Keep in mind individual schools may also have supplemental fees.
- There is also a \$315 fee to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)* exam, a prerequisite to apply to most medical schools.
- Don't forget to add in travel costs for any school interviews.

5. Who will evaluate my application and how?

- The admissions committee, which is typically comprised of faculty members and individuals from the school's leadership team, will review applications.
- Some programs accept applicants solely based on GPA and MCAT scores, while others use a holistic, all-inclusive approach for reviewing applications.

6. What does a completed application typically include?

- MCAT scores.
- Transcripts listing undergrad/grad degrees.
- Letters of recommendation (at least 2).
- Personal statement and school-requested essays.
- Completed prerequisites.
- Medical school interview.

7. What happens if US medical schools reject my application?

- Don't give up. Consider alternative programs such as Caribbean and International medical schools.
- Speak to an admissions advisor at your school of choice to learn how you can enhance your application and start your medical career sooner rather than later.



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