University of Wisconsin
School of Medicine and Public Health
MD Degree Program

Admissions Guide
for the entering class of 2013

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Welcome

We are delighted that you are interested in the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW-SMPH). Our school is nationally recognized for its outstanding and innovative educational medical student education program, which derives much of its strength from our institution’s commitment to advancing the health of patients and communities, and from our remarkable portfolio of research and discovery. Our unique curriculum, which integrates the principles of medicine and public health, fosters a new generation of physicians and leaders who will receive comprehensive preparation for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Whether your goal is to improve the health of underserved individuals and communities as a highly skilled and compassionate primary care physician, or to discover new treatment modalities for reducing disease morbidity and mortality, we will provide you with the tools and opportunities that will help you achieve your vision. Graduates from our school have become exemplary physicians in every specialty, from Anesthesiology to Urology, and have established careers in every setting, from academic health centers to rural community clinics. We are deeply committed to translating our students’ dreams into realities.

This Admissions Guide and our website offer essential information about our admissions process, the curriculum, our unique programs, and the stimulating collaborative learning environment of our statewide campus. We hope that this glimpse will entice you to explore what we have to offer in greater depth. At the UW-SMPH you will find opportunities to work with internationally renowned researchers, learn from award winning teachers, care for individuals with a wide range of acute and chronic health issues, address health disparities in rural and urban communities throughout Wisconsin and around the world, develop advocacy and leadership skills, collaborate with students from other health professional schools, and pursue electives in virtually every area of medicine and public health. You will work closely with students and faculty in interactive small groups that facilitate meaningful learning in classroom, community, and clinical settings. You will meet patients and engage in community activities starting from your first day of medical school, reflecting our belief that patients are highly valuable teachers and communities are extremely important learning environments. We engage in continuous quality improvement processes, incorporating feedback from students, as we develop the best contemporary education in the science and art of medicine and public health.

We are committed to recruiting an exceptionally talented and diverse class of individuals who share our dream of improving the future health of individuals and communities. We thank you for your interest in pursuing this vision at UW-SMPH.

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We hope this Admissions Guide will be helpful to you, whether you are just browsing or are ready to submit your application to become part of our world-class organization.

Well-prepared applicants from both Wisconsin and throughout the United States are encouraged to apply (although you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States). Everything that you need to know to apply and become accepted to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health is presented here.

Why Wisconsin?

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) has been a leader in medical education, research, and clinical care for many years. We are internationally known for our advances in health care and for the quality of care provided by the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics.

The UW School of Medicine and Public Health is not just a state medical school; we are a resource to the nation and the world. We have changed your life and will continue to do so with breakthroughs ranging from the discovery of Vitamin D to being a pioneer in stem cell development.

As the only combined School of Medicine and Public Health in the country, our students graduate not only prepared to care for patients, but also ready to change the health of the communities in which they practice.

Innovative Learning Opportunities

Applicants are attracted to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health by our learning environment, which includes our national leadership in curriculum innovation, a collegial atmosphere and the availability of strong faculty mentorship. Medical students are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with our outstanding researchers and enjoy the high quality of life afforded by living in Madison.

The UW School of Medicine and Public Health offers three MD programs:

- Our traditional MD Program trains future physicians who are well prepared to meet the evolving health care needs of Wisconsin and beyond. For information about this program, please visit our website: [http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md-program/main/276](http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md-program/main/276)

- Our Rural MD Program trains physicians to provide care in underserved rural areas. Additional information is available at the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM) website: [http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/warm/wisconsin-academy-for-rural-medicine/187](http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/warm/wisconsin-academy-for-rural-medicine/187)

- Our MD/PhD Program develops the future physician-scientists needed to conduct research. Further details are available at our Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) website: [http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/mstp/medical-scientist-training-program-mstp/390](http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/mstp/medical-scientist-training-program-mstp/390)
All medical students learn together for the first two years, and it is only in the third year that students separate from the regular MD students to do their clinical training at rural sites or to start their research for their PhD. Applicants are encouraged to investigate these programs now as you indicate your desire to apply for them in your AMCAS application.

Students accepted to the regular MD Program have special opportunities as well including the chance to train in urban medicine through our popular Training in Urban Medicine & Public Health (TRIUMPH) program, to earn a Master of Public Health through our MD/MPH Program, or to learn about International Health through our Global Health Institute. Many students also choose to do a research project after their first year as Shapiro Scholars.

The following websites provide further information about these opportunities:

TRIUMPH: http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/triumph/main/681

MD/MPH: http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md-mph/md-mph-degree-program/1039

Global Health Institute: http://ghi.wisc.edu/

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health has a broad mission and is successful in fulfilling its many objectives. We are consistently ranked near the top of any list whether it is for research, primary care, or social mission. Our students are well prepared to go on to be successful physicians regardless of their choice of residency. We look forward to having you join us in the near future.
Before You Apply

This information will assist you in pursuing an MD at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH). The pre-health advisors at your undergraduate institution are another source of information, and you are strongly encouraged to work with them.

If you are an undergraduate at UW-Madison, then we recommend that you contact the Center for Pre-Health Advising. For information about their services, please visit their website: http://www.prehealth.wisc.edu/index.html The Association of American Medical Colleges also has a wealth of information for you: http://www.prehealth.wisc.edu/index.html

Exploration of Medical Careers

There are many different professions available in the health care field. It is important to explore whether becoming a physician is the right profession for you in order to effectively answer the question "Why medicine?"

Talk to physicians about their experiences, and if possible shadow them in their clinics or hospitals. Volunteer in a health care facility. Your experiences should provide you with a realistic perspective of the health care field and confirm your reasons for pursuing this profession.

Several good websites to learn more about medical careers include:

- Aspiring Docs: http://www.aspiringdocs.org/
- Careers in Medicine: https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/cim/

Personal Qualities

All medical schools look for outstanding, well-rounded students who exhibit exceptional interpersonal skills. Personal qualities that are valued in medicine include not only intelligence but empathy, integrity, leadership, reliability, stamina and a strong, proven motivation for medicine. We seek confident, but not arrogant, students. Students should also have developed personal support systems and time-management skills. They should be prepared to deal with the pressures of balancing educational and professional demands with their personal life.

Life and Work Experience

Our Admissions Committee members are interested in learning about an applicant's life outside of the classroom. They look for individuals who have had a variety of life experiences. Participating in extracurricular activities allows you to grow your talents and interests beyond your formal education.

Employment, involvement with student organizations, volunteering, participation on athletic teams and research projects are all experiences that allow an applicant to develop the many skills required of successful doctors such as leadership, organization skills, the ability to communicate effectively and teamwork.
Selecting a Major
There is not one "perfect" major that will prepare you for medical school. You are encouraged to pursue a broad and rigorous undergraduate curriculum. It is neither expected nor required that your major is in a science field. You may choose any major you wish, as long as you successfully complete the required prerequisite courses. Consider these points when selecting a major:

- **Where do your interests lie?** You will enjoy and gain the most from a course of study that is consistent with your own interests. Students who do this tend to do better academically, which increases their likelihood of acceptance to medical school, rather than those who choose a major they don't like just because they feel it will help them get into medical school. Choosing a major doesn't limit you to just one career, and choosing a career (such as medicine) doesn't limit you to just one major.

- **Do you have alternative career options?** In the event that you are not immediately accepted into medical school, think about choosing a major that will provide you with employment opportunities or prepare you for graduate studies.

Grade Point Average (GPA)
Grades are considered in the admissions process. The Admissions Committee looks for upward grade trends and strong grades in the sciences. At the UW SMPH our minimum GPA for consideration is a 2.8. The Admissions Committee does a holistic review which takes into account many factors that may affect your GPA. For further information, see our Selection Criteria section on page 17.

The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)
The Medical College Admission Test is required by the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) and most medical schools in the United States. The test assesses mastery of basic concepts in biology, chemistry and physics as well as problem solving, logical reasoning and written communication skills. Complete information is available from the MCAT website: https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/

Most applicants take the MCAT in the spring 16 months before they wish to enroll in medical school after completing most of their prerequisite courses. Applicants to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health who have been out of school must have taken the MCAT within the past four years, no earlier than January 1, 2009, for those applying to the Entering Class of 2013.

The minimum numerical scores required for consideration at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health are 7 in verbal reasoning, 7 in physical sciences and 8 in biological sciences. Those not meeting the minimum scores have their applications reviewed for evidence of other significant achievements, and may still be invited to submit our secondary application.

The essays in the MCAT are given alphabetical scores to emphasize the statistical dissimilarity between the essay and the other exams, and to discourage averaging the writing score with the scores of the other tests. The essay is scored on a scale of J to T, with T being the highest. The average composite score for our most recent entering class was a 31, with a median writing score of P. The writing section will be discontinued as of January 2013.
MCAT scores are not considered in a formula to determine acceptance. Rather they are used as part of a holistic review of each applicant by members of the Admissions Committee. There is no specific policy on how multiple MCAT scores are considered. Admission Committee members have the discretion to look at the most recent score, look at the best score, or consider the highest sub-scores from multiple test administrations.

A guide for the MCAT exam that will be introduced in 2015 is now available on AAMC's website. The Preview Guide for MCAT2015 describes the new exam's content and format. It provides detailed descriptions of the knowledge and skills the new exam will test, includes detailed content outlines, and provides example questions. It also includes information about products and services that are designed to help prospective examinees and others prepare for MCAT2015.

You may want to download the Preview Guide for MCAT 2015 at: https://www.aamc.org/students/download/266006/data/2015previewguide.pdf

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**Tips for Applying**

We encourage you to consider the following suggestions before beginning the application process to medical school:

- Find the pre-health advisor on your campus early in your college career, or as soon as you know that medicine is the career for you. They can provide you with a wealth of information and experience.

- Obtain access to the Medical School Admissions Requirements: https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/requirements/msar/. This resource lists the admissions requirements of all medical schools and details admissions processes.

- Educate yourself about the medical profession. Medical exposure is an important part of your application. Explore the medical profession by volunteering at a local hospital, clinic or hospice.

- Seek to build relationships with academic professors during your college years. Academic letters of recommendation are required by all schools. You want letters from
senior people who know you well and say great things about you. One or two letters that aren't just nice, but "wow" the Admissions Committee members can make a big difference in the strength of your application.

- Consider research opportunities. Physicians are scientists who depend on the medical literature to remain current in their fields. Research can be in any discipline, and is not limited to bench science. Applicants should be able to describe their project, and their role in the research. Research as part of a course or as a senior thesis project is acceptable. If you are interested in the MSTP (MD/PhD) then you will be expected to have considerable research experience. For further information please visit the MSTP website: http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/mstp/medical-scientist-training-program-mstp/390

- Complete most premedical sciences courses by the end of your junior year of college.

- Take the MCAT about 16 months before your anticipated enrollment in medical school.

- An early application is encouraged, but it is important to submit the strongest application possible. This might mean waiting for additional grades in your coursework, starting or continuing activities that will prepare you for a career in medicine, and fine-tuning your essay to reflect who you are, and your motivation for becoming a physician.

- Make sure that there are examples of your altruism and maturity in your activities or essay, or even better, in your letters of recommendation.

- Ask a couple of people whom you trust to read your essay. One may be a friend or family member. Another should be a person experienced in reading applications, although not necessarily for medical school, such as a senior professor. Listen to their feedback.

- Practice interviewing. This is a skill that can be learned.

- Continue to take some high-level science courses after submitting your application. These won't be considered as part of your application to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health but will prepare you for medical school classes.

- Continually improve your study habits and time-management skills.

- If you were not successful in gaining admission to our medical school, learn about how to strengthen your application if you plan on reapplying. Please see page 27 for more information.
Pre-medicine Requirements

Applicants to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison need to have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university before starting the MD program. Only outstanding undergraduate applicants will be considered without earning a bachelor's degree.

The applicant is expected to take coursework that demonstrates the intellectual discipline and problem-solving skills necessary to be a successful medical student. In addition, specific courses are required before starting at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health so that students possess the appropriate knowledge base that allows them to learn at the fast pace they will encounter in medical school classes. These course requirements need not be completed prior to submitting your application but must be fulfilled by the time of matriculation.

The UW School of Medicine and Public Health Admissions Committee values intellectual diversity among its applicants and does not necessarily value science courses (beyond those listed below) more than upper level courses in humanities, social sciences and other fields. Courses that improve communication skills or prepare students for the social, psychological and economic aspects of medical practice are all important.

Applicants may choose to use their undergraduate time to explore and study areas not necessarily directly related to their future career in medicine without feeling that they will be penalized in the admissions process as long as they perform well.

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1) Advanced biology may not be the second semester of an introductory course sequence.

2) Courses that meet the general biology, general chemistry and physics prerequisites should preferably be taught at the level required for students majoring in science or engineering. As these courses require a laboratory component, they may not be taken online.
3) A basic course in **statistics** or the equivalent is required. The requirement may be satisfied through a wide variety of courses that include statistics topics and/or experiences that include implementation of statistics by the applicant. Such courses and experiences must be documented and submitted to the MD Admissions Office for approval.

4) A course in **biochemistry** or the equivalent is required. The requirement may be satisfied through a variety of courses that address the fundamentals of biochemistry including molecular genetics, structure and activity of proteins, and metabolism.

5) Skill in verbal and written communication is an important requisite in medicine and a course in English that stresses composition is considered favorably in our medical school admissions process. We reserve the right to request a TOEFL score from non-native English speakers.

6) AP/CLEP exams may satisfy premedical course requirements in the following areas: general biology, general chemistry, physics, mathematics and statistics. College or university transcripts must clearly state the AP subject and credit granted.

7) While specific courses are not required, the applicant's preparation should include courses in those areas that prepare for the social, psychological and economic aspects of medical practice.

8) It is recommended that course requirements should be taken for a letter grade rather than on a pass/fail basis. Seminar courses do not satisfy any of the premedical course requirements.

9) These requirements are only for the MD Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Other medical schools may have different requirements. Access to the Medical School Admissions Requirements (MSAR) guide is important for all applicants: [https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/requirements/msar/](https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/requirements/msar/)
Apply for 2013

Applicants who choose to apply to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health MD degree program via the traditional/regular route apply through AMCAS between June 1 and November 1 and usually apply to a number of additional schools as well.

1. Read the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Admissions Guide
This Admissions Guide has detailed information about applying to our program. If you are a reapplicant, see our special section about on page 27.

2. Take the MCAT
Timeline: Latest score accepted for 2013 consideration is September 11, 2012.
If you submit your AMCAS application and an additional MCAT score has not yet been reported, we will wait for the additional score to be submitted before reviewing your application.

3. Submit your AMCAS Application
Timeline: The deadline is November 1, 2012. Early applications are encouraged, but it is important to submit the strongest application possible. This might mean waiting for additional grades in your coursework, starting or continuing activities that will prepare you for a career in medicine, and fine-tuning your essay to reflect who you are, and your motivation for becoming a physician.

You will need to select one of the programs offered at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health:

- Regular MD
- Rural MD - This program is offered through the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM) and will appear as Other Special Programs in the AMCAS application
- MD/PhD - This program will appear as Combined Medical Degree/PhD in the AMCAS application

4. Submit Your Secondary Application after Receiving our Invitation
Timeline: The deadline is December 1, 2012. Early applications are encouraged.

5. Participate in Our Interview Day Program after Receiving Our Invitation
Timeline: Interviews will be scheduled from late September through early March.
Note: It may take from four to six weeks before a final decision is made. Make sure your preferred address in AMCAS is current.

6. Accept Our Offer!
Timeline: You will need to accept your offer from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health within two weeks of receiving your letter. You may also accept offers made to you by other medical schools until May 15, 2013 (see below).

7. Choose the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, an Internationally Recognized Leader in Education, Research, Community Service and Global Outreach for Your Medical Education
Timeline: You will need to make a final decision on which medical school you will be attending no later than May 15, 2013 (April 30, 2013 for MD/PhD applicants).
American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS)

The American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) is a centralized application service sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The AMCAS application is available in electronic format only, and is the initial application required of all University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health MD Program applicants.

The application must be completed and submitted to the American Medical College Application Service by November 1. Please note that this deadline varies from school to school.

Once AMCAS has received your application and transcript(s), it takes approximately four to six weeks to complete the processing cycle. After we receive and review your AMCAS application, qualified applicants will be asked to submit an electronic secondary application.

The Association of American Medical Colleges provides a helpful reference each year: The Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) guide: https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/requirements/msar/

It includes information about each U.S. and Canadian medical school. It also lists the requirements for entrance at each school, the selection factors, and information on deadline dates, oldest Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) considered and tuition and fees.
Secondary Application Instructions for 2013

These instructions are for the secondary application to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH). The American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application provides part of the information needed by our Admissions Committee. The secondary application requests supplemental information in order to complete your application.

After we receive your AMCAS application, our admissions staff will verify that you have met minimum MCAT scores of 7 in verbal reasoning, 7 in physical sciences, and 8 in biological sciences and attained an undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.8/4.0.

Those meeting minimum scores are invited to submit our secondary application. The invitation will come via email accompanied by instructions on how to proceed. (Those not meeting minimum scores are further reviewed for evidence of additional achievements. Some may be invited to submit our secondary application.)

The deadline for receipt of the required items is December 1 of each year although early completion of the entire application is advised.

Throughout the application cycle, we will continue to communicate with you using the e-mail address listed in the preferred contact section of your AMCAS application. Please screen your e-mail carefully and keep your preferred contact information up to date.

The forms in the secondary application will correspond to the items listed below.

1. Data sheet and record of residence
2. Life activities
3. The optional essay
4. Reapplicant essay
5. Letters of recommendation
6. Disciplinary/legal action
7. Attestation statement
8. Application processing fee

Specific instructions for the items are:

1. Data Sheet and Record of Residence

Proceed through each page and provide the requested information. Please see our detailed information about Wisconsin Residency on our Admissions Policy website: http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/admissions/admissions-policies/31694
2. Life Activities
Provide a chronological history of your life activities from the time you completed high school to the present, for example, undergraduate studies, jobs, service and volunteer work, research, participation in music, sports, clubs, etc., graduate study, family responsibilities, et al.

3. The Optional Essay
This is an opportunity to share additional information as directed on the form, if you choose to do so.

4. Reapplicant Essay
Individuals who are reapplying are required to submit a statement indicating what has changed since the previous application (e.g., additional academic work, new letters of recommendation, work or volunteer experience, etc.). Reapplicants may also complete the optional essay.

5. Letters of Recommendation
The UW School of Medicine and Public Health only receives letters via the American Medical College Application Service.

Letters Needed for the UW School of Medicine and Public Health MD Program Application:

- One committee letter and one individual letter from a nonacademic source (someone other than a faculty or family member or personal friend), or
- One letter packet: This packet should include letters from three faculty members and a letter from a nonacademic source (someone other than a faculty or family member or personal friend), or
- Four individual letters: three academic letters of recommendation from faculty members and a fourth nonacademic letter from someone other than a faculty or family member or personal friend.

NOTE: Academic letters may be from science and/or non-science faculty members in any combination.

Types of letters (as defined by AMCAS and adopted by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health):

- Committee letter: A committee letter 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.
- 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 (AMCAS letter request) entry for the individual letter.
Content of letters:

- The letters should address one or more of the following: character, integrity, motivation for medicine, ability to relate and communicate with others, personality, emotional stability, intellectual abilities.

- Instructions to Letter Writer forms are within the secondary application and may further assist letter writers regarding the desired content of the letters. See our website for more information:

Designating letter writers:

- The Admissions Committee gives serious consideration to letters of recommendation submitted by individuals who know the applicant well. Applicants should solicit letters from individuals who are in a position to provide informed and objective information regarding the applicant's activities, employment, service and/or health related experiences.

Means of submitting letters:

- All letters must be submitted to AMCAS by December 1.

- Letters must be submitted directly to AMCAS per AMCAS instructions. You must create an entry for each letter of evaluation being sent to AMCAS. Up to 6 letter entries may be created for the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

- You may also use letter services such as Interfolio and Virtual Evals that in turn make your letters available to AMCAS Letters.

Waiver forms:

- Applicants must complete a waiver form relating to their right to review the letter of recommendation. Waiver forms provided by letter services may be used. A waiver form is available within our secondary application for use as needed and is a part of the Instructions for Writers of Recommendation Letters (see website above).

Reapplicants:

- If you are reapplying to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health MD Program, all letters must be submitted via AMCAS. It is recommended that two new letters of recommendation be submitted (one academic and one nonacademic). Other letters may be resubmitted and/or updated and resubmitted. If you wish you may submit all new letters. The Admissions Committee requests a total of four letters per applicant. No letters from previous applications will be accessible for the 2013 application.

6. Disciplinary/Legal Action

Follow the directions on the form.
7. Attestation Statement

The next step in submitting your secondary application is to attest to the fact that the information you have provided is true, correct and complete. Submission of the application is attesting to the statement.

8. Application Fee

Electronic payment of the $56 application fee is available within the secondary application. Please see the instructions about paying electronically or by check within the secondary application.

Notes:

The secondary application should be completed prior to December 1, 2012. Letters of recommendation may be received after the secondary application has been submitted.

You are advised to print a copy of your secondary application for your records at the point of submission.
Selection Criteria

Consistent with the missions of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and specifically the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH), it is the mission of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health's Admissions Committee to select a diverse class of medical students who have demonstrated essential academic, personal and professional attributes that will allow them to succeed as clinicians, scientists, educators and leaders to meet the health care needs of Wisconsin and beyond.

All decisions concerning who is accepted to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health are made solely by the Admissions Committee. Committee members are appointed by the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and include faculty, students, and community members. All decisions by the committee are final. Admissions Office staff serve only in non-voting roles. Our admissions policy does not allow the Dean or anyone else to select an applicant for acceptance.

The Admissions Committee strives to select a class in which all members have:

1. An understanding of the responsibilities of a physician and the demonstrated motivation and commitment to spend their lives in that career
2. The personal characteristics that will allow them to be caring and compassionate physicians
3. The intelligence and past academic performance which predicts success in medical school so that they can learn the knowledge necessary to be effective doctors
4. The life experiences and maturity to provide empathetic care while maintaining their own emotional well-being

The Admissions Committee performs a holistic review of all applicants by which balanced consideration is given to the multiple ways in which applicants may prepare for and demonstrate suitability as medical students and future physicians. Applicants are evaluated in the entirety of their background, personal qualities, academic preparation, and life experiences.

For example, your GPA is not considered in a formula to determine acceptance. Rather it is viewed from many perspectives. For example:

- Did you come from an educationally disadvantaged background that did not allow you to be as prepared for college as other students?
- How competitive was your undergraduate school? Did you take more difficult classes?
- Does your GPA correlate with your MCAT score? Is there an increasing grade trend as you matured and took more difficult courses?
- Did you take post-baccalaureate or graduate classes?
- Did you have to work to support yourself while going to school?
- How well did you balance academic performance with your other activities?
- If you have an episode of lower grades do you tell us why, and how you matured from the experience?
Your MCAT, activities, life experiences, and medical exposure are viewed in the same manner.

There are many personal characteristics of successful physicians that the Committee views positively, and they actively seek examples of these in your essay, interview, activities, and letters of recommendation. The list includes integrity, self-discipline, altruism, communication skills, motivation, reliability, leadership, and so on.

Among these qualities the Committee pays close attention to maturity and evidence of effective coping strategies when challenging situations have occurred. Medical school by itself is demanding, and it is important to the Committee to know that you can balance other life events while maintaining focus on your education.

The Committee favors applications that are more than simply a list of what you have achieved. They want to know what you have learned and who you have become because of your accomplishments.

The Admissions Committee seeks a diverse student body. It is in the interests of both enriching the educational environment for all students and in better meeting the future medical, social and scientific needs of society, that the Committee makes a special effort to select a class whose members represent a broad range of life experiences, backgrounds and interests. Diversity may include, but is not limited to:

1. Educational background
2. Socio-economic background
3. Ethnic and racial background
4. Regional and geographic background
5. Interests and/or aptitudes for different medical careers
6. Other cultural experiences

Finally, the Admissions Committee recognizes that each applicant is unique. Providing a well-polished and professional application that still lets the Committee know what is distinctive about you may be to your benefit. Frequently, the applicant who can effectively communicate what makes him or her special is the applicant who is accepted.
Admissions Policies and Guidelines

Deferrals

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) encourages students to apply in the year in which they want to start medical school. The school does, however, offer accepted applicants the option to request a deferral for one year (occasionally two years) before matriculating.

There are multiple reasons an applicant may request a delayed admission. For example, applicants sometimes wish to pursue additional activities that will enhance their background and experiences before starting their formal medical education, unexpected life events may occur which necessitate a delay such as the illness of a parent or the impending birth of a child, or there may have been a setback in plans to finish a thesis for a graduate degree.

There are even applicants who remain unsure about a career in medicine and want an extra year to consider their plans. There is usually one deferred applicant each year who ultimately chooses to withdraw and not attend medical school at all.

Our experience is that you need to be ready to focus 100 percent on your medical education when you start classes in mid-August. You do not want to be distracted by family issues, other unfinished academic or research work, or indecision about your commitment to be a physician.

Only a limited number of delayed admission requests will be approved each year in order to avoid an excessive reduction in the number of positions available for applicants to the next entering class. Approval of a delayed admission request will be based upon the rationale and goals presented in a letter to the Admissions Committee.

If you are accepted to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, then you will be contacted in the spring, usually mid-April, with information about requesting a deferral with a deadline in late April or early May. We will notify you of our decision concerning your deferral before the May 15 deadline by which you need to choose the medical school that you will attend. Applicants accepted from our Alternate List may also request a deferral within two weeks of receiving their acceptance. Any other late requests for a deferral will only be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Acceptance of a deferral does require you to withdraw acceptances that you may have received from other schools, i.e., you may not have a deferral from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and another school. You may, however, apply to other schools the following year even though you hold a deferral from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (although we hope that you don't).

Contact the School of Medicine and Public Health MD Admissions Office with any questions concerning our Deferral Policy.
Technical Standards and Disclosure of Disabilities

Conferral of a medical degree certifies that the recipient has demonstrated all the requisite abilities to become a practicing generalist physician. This demonstration encompasses a variety of attributes critical to the provision of quality medical care, including the physical, cognitive and emotional strengths necessary to complete the rigorous requirements of the medical school curriculum, and the social and behavioral skills expected of a competent care-giver.

Admission to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) MD Program reflects the judgment of the Admissions Committee that the admitted applicant possesses these attributes. The committee's judgment is based primarily on each applicant's previous academic and personal experience.

In some cases, where the presence or function of a critical attribute is affected by an applicant's disability, additional consideration is given to whether, through reasonable accommodation, adequate and reliable function can be secured. In the exceptional case, where either reasonable accommodation cannot be provided or adequate assurance of function obtained, admission may be denied or rescinded.

The Admissions Committee makes the final decision regarding the applicant's admission status whenever the technical standards committee advises that reasonable accommodation cannot be provided. For further information, please see our complete policy on our Technical Standards website: http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/admissions/technical-standards/112

Wisconsin Residency

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) accepts applications from both Wisconsin residents and non-residents. Highly qualified applicants from throughout the United States are encouraged to apply. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

All Wisconsin resident and non-resident applicants are evaluated by the same criteria but in different applicant pools. At least 75 percent of positions for new students go to Wisconsin residents except for the MD/PhD program, where residency is not considered. It is to your advantage to be a resident of Wisconsin when applying to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

Wisconsin residency has been defined by the state legislature for the purposes of applying to UW SMPH and paying tuition. A summary can be found on the UW-Madison Office of the Registrar website: http://registrar.wisc.edu/residence.htm

For determination of Wisconsin residency, we only use the information that you submit as part of your secondary application. The state of legal residence that you reported on your AMCAS application is not considered. Laws and rules used by other states and universities do not apply. It is possible that you could be considered a resident of more than one state. This does not disqualify you from being a Wisconsin resident.
For the purposes of acceptance to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, your Wisconsin residency is determined within one year of the first day of medical school. It is possible that if you are living and working in Wisconsin that your residency could change by the time that your residency is determined for the purposes of paying tuition.

If you claim to be a Wisconsin resident on your application, then we will confirm your residency status with the Office of the Registrar before further processing. If you claim to be a non-resident, then we only confirm your non-residency status if you are accepted to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

Although making false statements on this application can have serious consequences, it will not be held against you if we determine that you are not a resident as long as you had a reasonable belief that you were and answered supporting questions truthfully. Appeal of non-resident status is through the Office of the Registrar.

**Citizenship**

In order to be considered for our medical school program, applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents (possessing documentation verifying that permanent residence has been approved) at the time the AMCAS application has been submitted.

**Foreign Coursework**

If an applicant has completed undergraduate education at a foreign institution, it is highly recommended that he/she complete additional coursework at a U.S. college or university. This coursework should include most or all pre-medicine course requirements in order to demonstrate the ability to perform well academically in a U.S. educational setting. At a minimum, applicants should be able to show U.S. grades received in one academic year.

It is also recommended that applicants submit a foreign credential evaluation report prepared by a NACES-approved educational credential evaluation service in order to assist the admissions committee in the review process. See the NACES website for more information:
http://www.naces.org/

We reserve the right to request TOEFL score results to assist us in determining English language proficiency. This request will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

**AP/CLEP Exams**

AP/CLEP exams may satisfy pre-medicine course requirements for the following areas: general biology, general chemistry, general physics, mathematics, and/or statistics. College or university transcripts must clearly state the AP subject and credit granted.
Review of Multiple MCAT Scores

There is no specific policy on how multiple MCAT scores are considered as part of our holistic review of applicants. Admission committee members have the discretion to look at the most recent score, look at the best score, or consider the highest subscores from multiple test administrations.

Policy Changes

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Admissions Office makes every effort to provide the most up-to-date and accurate information on our website and in our Admissions Guide. The Admissions Committee endeavors to make policy changes before the start of each yearly admissions cycle so as to be consistent. We reserve the right, however, to make corrections, clarifications or changes at any time.
**Tuition, Scholarships, and Financial Aid**

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) provides an education that is equal or superior to any school in the United States and does so with tuition that is average for public universities and far less than most private schools. We recognize, however, the financial burden that attending medical school imposes on students.

**All students accepted to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health will find that they are able to pay for their education and living expenses through scholarships and loans (as long as you are eligible for federal financial aid).**

Each year members of the new entering class receive about **$1 million in scholarships** renewable for 4 years. Despite this amount of support our current students report that they must still borrow about two-thirds of the cost of attending medical school.

The Office of Student Financial Aid assists medical students whose personal and family resources are not adequate to cover the expenses involved in attending the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. There is a fulltime financial aid specialist who ensures that every medical student is provided with a financial aid package adequate to meet his or her needs. For information, please visit the Office of Student Financial Aid website:  [http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/](http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/)

All financial aid applicants must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application becomes available after January 1 each year and should be filed by March 1, even if your medical school application has not been reviewed by that time. It is available at the following website: [http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) offers a wide variety of resources, including information about financial aid, debt management and financial planning: [https://www.aamc.org/services/first/first_for_students/](https://www.aamc.org/services/first/first_for_students/)

**External Scholarships**

Students accepted to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health can seek external scholarships to support themselves.

The Wisconsin Medical Society offers scholarships from donations that they have received. The U.S. military and the National Health Service Corps offer scholarships to those willing to serve in the military or provide care in Health Professional Shortage Areas respectively. These scholarships require you to provide several years of service after your training is completed.

Each year a few students also find other scholarships unique to their situation from their home community, parent's employer, or other special circumstances. Please visit our website for links to the following funding sources: [http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/admissions/tuition-scholarships-financial-aid/106](http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/admissions/tuition-scholarships-financial-aid/106)

- Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation Scholarships
- National Health Service Corps
- U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship Program
- U.S. Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program
- U.S. Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program
**Research Scholarships**

Students accepted to the MD/PhD Program are provided with a full tuition scholarship as well as a stipend for living expenses. Students must have a strong research background and should be committed to a career in academic medicine. This program is competitive on a national basis and Wisconsin residents are not given priority.

Funding is provided by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), UW School of Medicine and Public Health, and the UW Graduate School. On occasion students earning a graduate degree in addition to their MD will obtain funding for their graduate degree and medical education outside of this program as well.

**UW School of Medicine and Public Health Scholarships**

All applicants accepted to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health are considered for scholarships. No additional application is required. Funds are awarded based on merit and financial need as part of our efforts to recruit students. The Scholarship Committee meets regularly during the year. For the Entering Class of 2013, we anticipate that recruitment scholarships will be awarded from October through June. The majority of these scholarships will be granted in the late winter and early spring. Most need-based scholarships will be awarded in the summer to students committed to attend the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

The scholarship committee also awards funds from the Wisconsin Medical Alumni Association (WMAA). The WMAA and the University of Wisconsin-Madison are engaged in a major fundraising effort at this time to expand the amount of scholarships available to medical students. Visit the WMAA website for more details: [http://www.med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-medical-alumni-association/wmaa-main/79](http://www.med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-medical-alumni-association/wmaa-main/79)

**Military Benefits**

Applicants who have served in the U.S. military may be eligible for funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. If you were a Wisconsin resident when you enlisted in the military you may also be eligible for funding from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Both offer programs that may pay your **full tuition.** All veterans should become familiar with their benefits. Please visit our website for links to the following military funding sources: [http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/admissions/tuition-scholarships-financial-aid/106](http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/admissions/tuition-scholarships-financial-aid/106)

- U.S. Post 9/11 GI Bill (also known as Chapter 33)
- Wisconsin GI Bill
- List of GI Educational Benefits

**Loans**

All student loans are administered through the Office of Student Financial Aid: [http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/](http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/). Terms and details are available through that office.
Debt Repayment Programs

Students may consider loan repayment programs that will pay all or part of the loans that they take out during medical school. Typically you do not apply for these until you are ready to start your practice after your residency. These programs require you to provide care in an area underserved by health professionals or do research within the mission of the NIH. Please visit our website for links to these programs:

http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/admissions/tuition-scholarships-financial-aid/106

- Health Professions Loan Assistance Program
- National Health Service Corps
- NIH Loan Repayment Programs
## Breakdown of Tuition and Expenses for 2012-2013

### Budget for Wisconsin Residents

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### Budget for Non-Residents

| Total Wisconsin resident budget (see above) | $46,245 |
| Total non-resident tuition add-on         | $9,890  |
| **Total non-resident budget**             | $56,135 |
Reapplying

Each year the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of positions available in our medical school class. If you applied to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) and were not accepted, you are not alone.

Many successful physicians at one time received the news that their application was rejected, including some who are now on faculty at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. They re-evaluated their application, they worked to improve it, and they subsequently were admitted to medical school.

First, before anything else, you need to ask yourself some questions:

- Is a career in medicine really right for you?
- Do you know and understand the demands of both medical school and the career of a physician, and is it what you want to do for the rest of your life?

If you answered yes to these questions, and you are willing to work hard and persevere to do what is needed to be successful, then keep reading.

The second step is to objectively evaluate your strengths and weaknesses as an applicant and how you presented yourself in your application and interview. You cannot do this by yourself. You must seek help from trusted family or friends as well as professional advisors. Use the pre-medical advising services on your home campus. Our admissions staff is also available to provide insight to you and give you feedback from the Admissions Committee.

Two thirds of applicants accepted by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health are also accepted by other medical schools. Your goal should be to have your choice of medical schools, not to just get accepted somewhere. How far you progressed through the admissions process this past year may determine the amount of work and type of preparation that you need to do before your next application.

If you did not receive any invitations to interview, then you have a long way to go to improve your qualifications, and you may need to examine your life experiences, medical exposure, or academics. If you had multiple interviews and were placed on a Wait List then you are much closer to your goal and need to think about what will get you over the top. You may want to read the Before you Apply section of this guide (page 5).

What have successful applicants done differently than you? Are they better prepared and more qualified than you, or did they simply present themselves better in their application and interview? You need self-awareness as well as honest feedback from others to answer this question so that you can improve your next application. For example, admissions offices often find it difficult to tell applicants that they were denied due to a poor interview, but it won’t do you any good to raise your MCAT score if the problem is your communication skills.

The UW School of Medicine and Public Health Admissions Committee, like committees at most other schools, does a holistic review where an applicant is considered based on the entirety of their application. Applicants who simply list their accomplishments in a checkbox fashion are
less likely to be accepted than applicants who are able to tell about the life journey that brought them to the point where they are now ready to start their medical education and become a physician.

Successful applicants are often those who are able to show admissions committees that they are special in some way. They are able to effectively communicate about the academic and life experiences that have shaped them as a person who is going to be a great doctor. What makes you special? What characteristics make you stand out from the thousands of bright, high achieving, altruistic applicants who want to be doctors?

Nationally, over 40 percent of applicants are accepted to least one medical school. The average applicant applies to 12 schools. Well-prepared applicants who put together a strong application are usually accepted to more than one medical school. It takes time and research to choose the schools to which you are going to apply. Applying to too many schools or the wrong ones will be a waste of your time, whereas applying to just one or two may decrease your chances of acceptance.

At the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, residents of Wisconsin currently have a 1 in 4 chance of acceptance and non-residents have a 1 in 35 chance.

Be realistic with your plans. What will you do if you are not accepted again? Most interviewers will ask you this question and you should be prepared with an honest answer because you have given serious consideration to the issue. How will the classes that you are taking or experiences that you are gaining apply to a different career? Will it be in healthcare or another field?

Be patient and allow enough time before you reapply. You will need to act on the advice that you are given and develop a plan. Then do it. Following your plan can be the difference between achieving your goal or continuing to dream. Understandably, you may feel that you must reapply in the next admissions cycle, but submitting an application which is essentially the same will produce the same result. There should be significant improvements in your application before reapplying. This might mean not reapplying the very next year. The most common error made by reapplicants is that they submit their next application too soon.

Remember that going to medical school is the start of a lifetime career. Many successful reapplicants comment on how much better prepared they were to make that commitment, in part by having had to cope with the rejection from their first attempt. The time you spend preparing yourself is short compared to the rest of your life and will go a long way in helping you reach your goals.
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Here are some frequently asked questions about the MD Program admissions process at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison.

**Pre-Medicine Course Requirements**

1. **Do we accept AP or CLEP credit?**

Yes, these credits may satisfy our pre-medicine course requirements for basic sciences, mathematics, and statistics. However, it may be in your best interest to also enroll in some of these courses in your college or university in order to be better prepared for the rigors of medical school. Your transcript must list the specific subject areas in which you received AP or CLEP credit.

2. **Can I apply if I have not yet completed all of my pre-medicine course requirements?**

These course requirements need not be completed prior to submitting your application, but it is expected that if you are admitted, all requirements be met by the time of matriculation.

3. **Do I need a bachelor’s degree in order to attend your medical school?**

Applicants to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) must have earned a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university before starting the MD program. The degree may be earned in any discipline. Only outstanding undergraduate applicants will be considered without earning a bachelor’s degree.

**MCATs and GPA**

4. **What MCAT score and grade point average is required for admission?**

At the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, the minimum scores on the MCAT required for consideration are 7 in verbal reasoning, 7 in physical sciences, and 8 in biological sciences, and an undergraduate grade point average of 2.8/4.0. Those not meeting these requirements have their applications reviewed for evidence of other significant achievements, and may still be invited to submit our secondary application.

5. **When is the best time to take the MCAT?**

The best time to take the MCAT is when you are well-prepared to do so. It is best to have allowed yourself plenty of time to study and prepare for the MCAT. Further, your scores on the MCAT reflect not only intelligence, but also knowledge. If you have not taken most of your required pre-medicine course requirements, you will need to study certain subject areas independently so that you will be adequately prepared. For applicants applying for admission in 2013, the MCAT must have been taken no earlier than 2009 and not later than September 11, 2012.
6. What about multiple MCAT scores? Which score is considered?

We have numerous members on our admissions committee. Some members consider the most recent score only. Others will consider the strongest sub-scores from multiple tests. In any case, committee members will be able to see scores from all of the MCAT tests you have taken recently.

7. Are my MCAT scores and grade point average competitive for the UW School of Medicine and Public Health?

The average MCAT score of applicants accepted in 2012 was 32. The average science grade point average was 3.73 for science courses, and 3.76 overall. Please note that the committee also looks at many factors other than the MCAT and grade point averages. For further information, please refer to our Selection Criteria section (page 17). The numbers cited above are for general reference only.

8. How long are my MCAT scores valid?

MCAT scores are valid for four years. For applicants applying for admission in 2013, the MCAT must have been taken no earlier than 2009.

9. What if I submit my application before all of my MCAT scores have been reported?

Our admissions committee will review your application after all expected MCAT scores have been received.

10. How long does it take for your medical school to receive my updated MCAT scores?

Scores are reported to us between four and six weeks from the test date.

Letters of Recommendation

11. How do I submit letters of recommendation?

All letters must be submitted via the AMCAS letter service. During the AMCAS application process, there will be a section asking for your letter of recommendation information. Please consult AMCAS instructions for additional details. We will not accept any letters of recommendation sent directly to our office.

12. What if I have more than four letters of recommendation?

Our admissions committee members will read a minimum of four letters. We cannot guarantee whether additional letters will be read.

13. Can a TA/graduate student instructor write an academic letter for me?

Yes, but our admissions committee prefers letters written by experienced faculty members at the level of associate professor or professor. If you must have a TA/graduate student instructor write a letter for you, it is advisable to have this letter cosigned by the supervising faculty member.
14. If I work in a lab under a doctor or professor, would a letter written by this individual be considered an academic or non-academic letter?

This is your choice, depending on many factors - whether you did the research for a grade, whether you were employed, or both. Typically this type of letter could be considered either academic or non-academic. In any case, the letter writer should be able to comment on your personality, your work ethic, and your research skills.

15. What if I cannot get three academic letters because I am not currently a student, or if I have been out of school for a while?

If you are able to submit one or two academic letters, this would be helpful. Other letters should be more recent and can be from supervisors, volunteer coordinators, etc. The letter writer should know you well and comment on your personal qualities and characteristics.

Facts and Figures

16. How many applications do you receive?

We receive approximately 4,000 applications per year.

17. How many applicants get invited to interview?

Between 500-600 applicants receive an interview.

18. How many spaces are reserved for non-resident applicants?

Approximately 20-25 percent of our entering class will be made up of non-residents. As a state institution, we give preference to Wisconsin residents.

Residency and Citizenship

19. How do I acquire Wisconsin state residency if I was not born in Wisconsin, or did not attend a high school in Wisconsin?

There are several requirements that you will need to meet in order to establish Wisconsin residency for tuition purposes. The Office of the Registrar will make your final residency determination.

20. Do you consider international applicants?

We consider U.S., citizens or permanent residents only. Permanent residents must have evidence that final legal approval for permanent residence has been granted at the time that the AMCAS is submitted.
Contacts & Other Information
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750 Highland Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

Phone Numbers
Office of MD Admissions................................................................. (608) 263-4925
Student Financial Services............................................................... (608) 262-3060
MD Student Services ................................................................. (608) 263-4920
Multicultural Affairs................................................................. (608) 265-4867
Medical Scientist Training Program........................................... (608) 262-6321
Medical School Administration ................................................... (608) 263-8668
Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine....................................... (608) 263-7082
Visitor and Information Programs................................................ (608) 263-2400

University Websites
UW School of Medicine and Public Health MD Program Admissions
................................................................. http://www.med.wisc.edu/admissions/
University of Wisconsin............................................................. www.wisc.edu
School of Medicine and Public Health........................................ www.med.wisc.edu
Health Sciences Learning Center.............................................. www.hslc.wisc.edu
Hospital & Clinics ..................................................................... www.uwhealth.org
Ebling Library ........................................................................... http://ebling.library.wisc.edu
Office of Student Financial Aid .................................................. www.finaid.wisc.edu
Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) ........................................ www.uhs.wisc.edu/ship

Websites for Other Resources
Association of American Medical Colleges ................................... www.aamc.org
American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS)
................................................................................................................... https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas
Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) .................................... www.aamc.org/mcat
Student Health Insurance Plans ................................................... www.uhcsr.com
City of Madison ........................................................................... www.cityofmadison.com