

**DOCTOR OF MEDICINE PROGRAM  
INFORMATION FOR ADMISSION WITH  
ADVANCED STANDING TO SECOND OR THIRD YEAR**

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We sincerely appreciate your interest in our institution and will work diligently to evaluate your application fairly. Our goal is to select gifted, sensitive, and mature people who will excel in the art as well as the science of medicine and to find among those people the ones who we believe will benefit particularly from association with our medical school. The number of seats available varies. After reviewing these guidelines, you may find you are not able to meet the requirements for advanced standing. Some years there are ultimately no seats available.

## **I. ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION**

- Students eligible to apply to our second or third-year classes are those from U.S. or Canadian Schools of Medicine and those enrolled in osteopathic schools.
- All students from osteopathic schools must provide passing USMLE Step One scores. We cannot review students from these schools with only one year of medical school coursework. Please note we cannot act as a sponsor for the USMLE.
- Students from U.S. Schools of Medicine applying for third year transfer must pass the USMLE Step One.
- Only U.S. Citizens, U.S. Permanent Residents or Canadian Citizens are eligible to apply.
- Advanced standing will not be granted for physician assistant, chiropractic, dental, or podiatric programs.
- No applications are accepted for the fourth-year class.
- Applicants can apply specifically for the second or for the third year, or they may express a willingness to consider a position in either year. If you specify third-year only, and in the view of the Committee are not acceptable for the third-year position, you will not be considered further for the second-year. The Committee will respect your request.

## **II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants considered for advanced standing must have completed all the application requirements for admission to the first year of study at The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences:

- Successful completion of a minimum of 90 semester hours at an accredited U.S. or Canadian college or university, with at least 6 semester hours in English and 8 semester hours (including 2 semester hours of laboratory work) in each of the following: biology or zoology (not botany), general (inorganic) chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics taken at a U.S. or Canadian college.
- Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) scores.
- All applicants must be in **good standing** and/or **be eligible to reenter** his/her medical/osteopathic school if their education has been interrupted.
- A Dean's letter of good standing is required. If you cannot meet this requirement we will **not** accept your application for transfer.
- Submission of curriculum information and a medical/osteopathic school transcript is required at the time of application.
- All applicants who are currently enrolled in or graduated from an osteopathic school will be required to provide a passing score on Step I of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) test, taken by June 30. Applicants must convey their scores themselves and arrange for formal confirmation of these self-reported results.
- Applicants currently enrolled in U.S. or Canadian medical schools that are applying for a position in our third year must report a passing score on the USMLE Step I, taken by June 30. Students can register for the test through their Dean's office.
- While the Committee on Admissions may take final action prior to receipt of these scores, official confirmation of the scores must be available to this School prior to matriculation.

### III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- All applicants will be required to complete the accompanying Application for Admission with Advanced Standing and submit it with a nonrefundable \$125 application fee.
- **Application, letters of evaluation, transcripts, medical coursework and course descriptions must be in our office no later than April 1, but not before February 1. Applications are reviewed in the order they are received and completed.**
- Three letters of evaluation are required:
  - One of these must be from the Dean of the medical or osteopathic school at which the student is enrolled stating that the applicant is eligible to continue in that program and giving the reasons for transfer and an overall evaluation of the student. If a medical student cannot obtain such a letter from the Dean during the application process, a letter from the student explaining this fact will be required. Documentation of good standing will be required, however, at the time of interview.
  - The other two letters should be from members of different basic science departments and/or from others with pertinent personal knowledge of the applicant. In addition, a letter from the undergraduate (or premed) advisor will help the Committee in its evaluation of the applicant's academic experience.
- Submit official transcripts (directly to the Admissions Office) from your medical school and any colleges/universities you have attended.
- At the time of conditional acceptance, official confirmation of the self reported MCAT and USMLE Step I scores will be required. In addition, official transcripts of the applicant's academic record must be sent directly to this office from each educational institution attended since graduation from high school.
- Initial decisions will be based on the self-reported data on the application form, but students must have all final grades reported on an official transcript for subsequent matriculation at GW.
- Students who are offered conditional acceptance but cannot corroborate self-reported data from the application, or who submit inaccurate information, will be denied admission, dismissed from the School, or, if discovered after graduation from this institution, have their degree(s) revoked.
- Students will undergo a Criminal Background Check and drug screening.

### IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE SECOND YEAR

The applicant must have completed a course of study at least equivalent to the credit hours indicated for each course listed in The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences curriculum.

- The student must have passed work in Gross Anatomy, Microscopic Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Neurobiology, Immunology and Psychopathology. Students should have some knowledge of Epidemiology, Statistics, and normal psychological development. Coursework similar to our Practice of Medicine is required, as our students learn interview and physical diagnosis skills during year I.
- Students currently enrolled in U.S. or Canadian M.D. programs and applying to our second-year class are not required to submit USMLE scores. Students currently enrolled in D.O. programs must submit a passing USMLE score. (Please note: 2 years of medical or osteopathic school is required for eligibility to sit for USMLE.) You must have taken the USMLE Step 1 by June 30th in the year you are applying. As soon as you receive your scores please fax (202-994-1753) or submit them to medadmit@gwu.edu.

### V. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE THIRD YEAR

The applicant must have completed a course of study at least equivalent to the credit hours indicated for each course listed in The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences curriculum.

- The student must have completed work in Gross Anatomy, Microscopic Anatomy, Neurobiology, Biochemistry, Physiology, Immunology, Microbiology, Pathology, Practice of Medicine, Pharmacology, Introduction to Clinical Medicine, and Psychopathology and Conceptual Models. Furthermore, students must have completed course work relating to the natural history and pathophysiology of disease and clinical assessment.
- The applicant should have completed a course of study, which is similar in content to GW's Introduction to Clinical Medicine. ICM explores the pathophysiology and clinical presentation of disease, following an organ system based approach. Eleven organ systems are covered including cardiovascular, pulmonary, renal, gastro-intestinal, endocrine, reproductive and human sexuality, neurologic, musculoskeletal and hematologic. Clinical presentation of infectious diseases is also covered in the course.

- All applicants to third-year must submit a passing score on the USMLE. You must have taken the USMLE Step 1 by June 30th in the year you are applying. As soon as you receive your scores please fax (202-994-1753) or submit them to medadmit@gwu.edu.

## VI. SELECTION CRITERIA

- Recheck your application to see that all information is complete and correct. Please retain a copy of this completed application for your records. All questions must be answered. (Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.)
- Applications, letters of evaluation, transcript with medical coursework, all transcripts from any colleges/universities you have attended and course descriptions may be submitted to our office between February 1 and April 1. All application materials must be received by April 1.
- Applicants will be reviewed when complete. An applicant's file is not considered complete until the application, three letters of recommendation (including dean's letter or explanation of its lateness), current official transcript showing medical coursework, and all transcripts from any colleges/universities you have attended are received.
- To help us in our difficult task, the Committee on Admissions is particularly interested in the personal and narrative statements included on the application, as well as letters of recommendation.
- The Committee may request an interview with selected students. Your patience in awaiting our notification will be appreciated. Those offered positions will come from the group we have interviewed.
- Acceptances are announced as seats become available.

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences does not assume an obligation to report missing or erroneous credentials, but we will try to contact the applicant if any of the necessary materials are lacking from an application file.

For additional information on the M.D. program, please review our website at <http://www.gwumc.edu/edu/admis/> or e-mail questions to [medadmit@gwu.edu](mailto:medadmit@gwu.edu). You may also download the Admissions Handbook at: <http://www.gwumc.edu/edu/admis/pdf/GWMedSchAdmissionsHandbook.pdf>

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