2008 FRESHMAN SNAPSHOT

- Average GPA of those accepted: 3.63
- Average MCAT of those accepted: 29
- Average age of those accepted: 24; age range 21-42
- 63% of Freshmen received their undergraduate degree from Arkansas colleges.
- 52% of those accepted majored in Biology, followed by Biochemistry (9%), then Chemistry (8%).
- 75% of all acceptances majored in one of the traditional sciences.
- 76% of the applicant pool were first-time applicants.
- The most common first name for a female applicant was Sara (followed by Amy, Amanda and Jessica).
- The most common first name for a male applicant was Christopher (followed by a tie, Matthew and Michael).

DEADLINES
FOR 2009 APPLICANTS

MCAT registration and test dates are posted on the MCAT website: www.aamc.org/students/mcat/.

June 1, 2008
Applicants may begin to submit their AMCAS web-application to AAMC.

November 1, 2008
Final deadline for all applicants to submit AMCAS web-application to AMCAS.

November 15, 2008
Non-Arkansas residents with strong ties to Arkansas must submit letter to UAMS advocating strong ties to Arkansas.

November 15, 2008
Last day for Arkansas residents to call UAMS to schedule faculty interviews.

December 12, 2008
Admissions Committee meets to determine which non-Arkansas residents will be invited to be interviewed in January and reviewed in February.

December 17, 2008
Letters to early accepts.

January 15, 2009
ALL application documentation must be received at UAMS for ALL applicants.

January 17, 2009
Letters to early accepts.

February 20, 2009
Letters mailed to all applicants informing them of their admissions status: Accepted, Alternate List or Not Accepted.

FACULTY INTERVIEWS

You must be interviewed by members of the UAMS faculty. It is your responsibility to call the Office of Admissions to schedule your interview appointment. You may call to schedule your faculty interview after you have certified and submitted your AMCAS application. You may begin calling July 15, but you must call no later than November 15 to schedule your interview.

The College of Medicine reserves the right to perform a criminal background check on all applicants accepted for admission and alternates placed on the alternate list.
Admissions Requirements

Personal Attributes
Certain personal qualities are of fundamental importance in the character of one who will enter the medical profession. These attributes include curiosity, compassion, integrity, stamina, dedication to service and a sustained ability to learn. Beyond these are the cognitive needs and requirements of an adequate intellectual capacity.

The paramount goals of the premedical experience should be mastery of the art of study and the intellectual maturity to understand, utilize and synthesize facts into concepts. The student must have the ability to absorb, integrate and use a large body of knowledge. Likewise, future physicians must understand the socio-cultural and environmental factors in illness and the impact of illness on the family and greater community. The premedical education contributes significantly to the interaction of these factors.

Pre-Matriculation Requirements
Accepted applicants must have successfully completed the following courses prior to matriculation in the College of Medicine:

- Two semesters of Biology
- Two semesters of Chemistry
- Two semesters of Organic Chemistry
- Two semesters of Math, or through Calculus I
- Two semesters of Physics
- Two semesters of English

These are the minimum course requirements. Applicants are strongly encouraged to take more advanced-level courses. AP credit may be used to satisfy pre-matriculation course requirements, provided that the AP credit is accepted by the applicant’s college and is posted on the applicant’s official transcript. One AP credit will be equivalent to one semester of coursework. However, applicants who use AP credit to satisfy the minimum pre-matriculation requirements are strongly encouraged to take more advanced-level courses. The Admissions Committee will be instructed to look favorably on applications that demonstrate the successful completion of advanced-level courses. CLEP, online, exempt or correspondence courses cannot be used to satisfy the pre-matriculation course requirements.

Academic Requirements
A baccalaureate degree is strongly recommended. In fact, 100% of applicants accepted for admission to the 2008 freshman class had at least a bachelor’s degree. Applicants must take the MCAT. MCAT scores obtained prior to 2006 are not acceptable for applicants to the 2009 first-year class. The MCAT test dates for calendar year 2008 are posted on the MCAT website. Applicants must register for the MCAT at www.aamc.org/students/mcat/. Applicants with premedical majors have no particular advantage over applicants majoring in other fields. Successful applicants, however, will be highly-motivated individuals with a solid foundation in the natural sciences.

Residency Requirements
Preference is given to Arkansas residents. However, state law permits the Admissions Committee to accept a limited number of non-Arkansas residents, provided no qualified resident applicant is displaced. Non-Arkansas residents with at least a 3.6 GPA and an average of 9 on each section of the MCAT are encouraged to apply. Non-Arkansas residents with strong ties to Arkansas are given preference. Individuals with strong ties should communicate this information to the Office of Admissions. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident.

The following guidelines for determining Arkansas resident status have been established and must be verified by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The applicant must have a domicile in the state of Arkansas for a period of six consecutive months in a nonstudent status immediately prior to the consideration of an application. An applicant must take steps that would support intent to become a resident: voter registration, automobile registration, state driver’s license, paying state taxes, etc. Fulfilling one or more of these does not necessarily guarantee residency. Individuals who have already established residency may be temporarily absent from home to attend school or for service in the Armed Forces. An out-of-state student who merely lives in Arkansas while attending school cannot use this in-school period to fulfill residency requirements.

Application Procedures
The College of Medicine participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges. Applicants must use the AAMC online web-application at www.aamc.org. Applicants may certify and submit their completed AMCAS web-application to the AAMC beginning in June.

The deadline for submitting your application to AMCAS is November 1 for the class entering the following fall. Official transcripts should be sent directly to AMCAS from the registrar of each college attended. AMCAS will send your MCAT scores to us. Recommendations from your Premedical Advisory Committee are required and must be sent directly to the Office of Student Admissions. Your application will not be reviewed if you miss your school’s Premedical Advisory Committee’s deadline and we are advised that a letter is not forthcoming.

Note: If your institution does not have a Premedical Advisory Committee, or it has been more than two years since you last attended/graduated from your school, you may choose to have three faculty members submit individual letters of recommendation to the Office of Admissions. In addition to the required Premedical Advisory Committee composite evaluation or three academic letters of recommendation from faculty, you also have the option to ask three individuals to submit personal letters of recommendation, which primarily address your qualifications outside the classroom. Letters of recommendation should be forwarded by November 15 to the Office of Admissions, #551.

A nonrefundable application fee of $100 is required from each applicant and should be mailed directly to the Admissions Office. * This brochure provides only a synopsis of College of Medicine admission requirements. It is not intended to substitute for the College of Medicine catalog. All information is subject to change without notice.

The UAMS College of Medicine Catalog* may be accessed at www.uams.edu/com/comcat