**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**

Applicants applying for the 2013, 2014 and/or 2015 entering freshmen class may choose to complete either the “current” pre-matriculation course track OR choose to complete the “new” pre-matriculation course track to satisfy the College of Medicine pre-matriculation requirements. Those applicants applying for the 2016 entering freshmen class must complete the “new” pre-matriculation course requirements.

*Psychology and Sociology are strongly recommended—but courses listed in the AMCAS Course Classification Guide for Behavioral Sciences (Anthropology, Economics, Family Studies, Psychology, Sociology), and Philosophy and Religion (Ethics, Logic, Philosophy, Religion and Theology) are acceptable.*

**“Current” Pre-matriculation Course Requirement Track:**
- Two semesters of Biology
- Two semesters of Chemistry
- Two semesters of Organic Chemistry (with labs)
- One semester of Genetics beginning in 2013
- Two semesters of Math or Calculus I
- Two semesters of Physics
- Two semesters of English

**“New” Pre-matriculation Course Requirement Track:**
- Two semesters of Biology
- Three semesters of Chemistry (to include Organic Chemistry with lab, and Biochemistry)
- One semester of Genetics
- Two semesters of Physics
- Two semesters of English
- One semester of Statistics
- Two semesters of Social Sciences*

APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR THE 2013, 2014 AND/OR 2015 ENTERING FRESHMAN CLASS MAY CHOOSE TO COMPLETE EITHER THE “CURRENT” PRE-MATRICULATION COURSE TRACK OR CHOOSE TO COMPLETE THE “NEW” PRE-MATRICULATION COURSE TRACK TO SATISFY THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE PRE-MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS. THOSE APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR THE 2016 ENTERING FRESHMAN CLASS MUST COMPLETE THE “NEW” PRE-MATRICULATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

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- Two semesters of English
- One semester of Statistics
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A baccalaureate degree is strongly recommended. In fact, 100% of applicants accepted for admission to the 2012 freshman class had at least a bachelor’s degree. Applicants must take the MCAT. MCAT scores obtained prior to 2010 are not acceptable for applicants to the 2013 first-year class. The MCAT test dates for calendar year 2012 are posted on the MCAT Web site. 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 by November 1. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident.

FINANCIAL AID
The decision to pursue a medical education should involve careful planning in a number of areas. A part of that planning should include a thorough investigation into the financial aspects of obtaining a medical education. Medical school is expensive and requires a great deal of time, making it highly unfeasible for students to work while enrolled. However, enough financial aid is available in the form of scholarships and loans to cover tuition and fees plus a reasonable amount for living expenses. If you wish to apply for financial aid, go to www.uams.edu/studentfinancialservices.

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 AMCAS Letters Service. 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. 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. UAMS College of Medicine utilizes the AMCAS Letters Service for letter submissions. Letters of recommendations should be submitted by November 15.

A nonrefundable application fee of $100 is required from each applicant and should be mailed directly to the Admissions Office.

The College of Medicine, in conjunction with AMCAS, will conduct a criminal background check on all applicants accepted for admission and alternates placed on the alternate list.

* 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
Follow the link for medical school applicants
2012 FRESHMAN SNAPSHOT

- Average GPA of those accepted: 3.69
- Average MCAT of those accepted: 29.4
- Average age of those accepted: 23; age range 20-43
- 78% of Freshmen received their undergraduate degree from Arkansas colleges
- 43% of those accepted majored in Biology; followed by Biochemistry (15%); then Chemistry (6%)
- 75% of all acceptances majored in one of the traditional sciences
- 88% of the applicant pool were first-time applicants
- A total of 2174 applicants from 45 states submitted an AMCAS application
- Class size for 2012 is 174

DEADLINES
FOR 2013 APPLICANTS

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

June 1, 2012
Applicants may begin to submit their AMCAS web-application to AAMC.

July 16, 2012
Arkansas residents may begin calling to schedule their faculty interview. Applicants must certify and submit the AMCAS application before scheduling an interview.

November 1, 2012
Final deadline for all applicants to submit AMCAS web-application to AMCAS.

Last day for Arkansas residents to call UAMS to schedule faculty interviews.

November 15, 2012
Non-Arkansas residents with strong ties to Arkansas must submit letter to UAMS advocating strong ties.

December 14, 2012
Admissions Committee meets to determine which non-Arkansas resident applicants will be invited to come for faculty interviews on January 12.

December 17, 2012
Letters to early accepts for Arkansas residents.

January 15, 2013
ALL application documentation must be received at UAMS for ALL applicants.

January 23, 2013
Letters to early accepts for Arkansas residents.

February 20, 2013
Letters mailed to all applicants informing them of their admissions status: Accepted, Alternate List or Not Accepted.

FACULTY INTERVIEWS

Arkansas Residents
Arkansas residents must be interviewed by members of the UAMS faculty. It is your responsibility to call the Office of Admissions to schedule your faculty interview after you have certified and submitted your AMCAS application. You may begin calling July 16, but you must call no later than November 1 to schedule your interview.

Non-Arkansas Residents
Non-Arkansas residents will be interviewed by invitation only. The Admissions Committee will meet in mid December to determine which non-Arkansas resident applicants will be invited to come for faculty interviews on January 12.