UC Davis School of Medicine

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Mission Statement

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• To provide excellent learner-centered education to a diverse body of medical students and graduate students; cultivating in them the passion to improve lives and transform the health of the communities they will serve as physicians, scientists and health care leaders.
The Admissions Committee looks for...

- Patient Care: *What we do*
- Knowledge: *What we know, how we know it, how we use it*
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills: *How we connect*
- Professionalism: *How we act*
- System-Based Practice: *How we deliver equitable, high-quality care*
- Life-Long Learning: *How we grow and improve*
How are these qualities measured?

- Life Experiences
- Work Experiences (paid or volunteer)
- Extracurricular Activities
- Personal Statements/Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Interviews (Multiple Mini Interviews)
How about the numbers?

- Number of applications: over 7000
- Number of secondary requests: approx. 4000
- Number of interviews: 500
- Number of admission offers: approx. 220
- Number of seats in the class: 110
- Total GPA: varies (increasing trend)
- Composite MCAT: varies
  - Multiple Exams = increasing scores
  - Multiple Exams = most recent set of scores considered

**Note:** GPA and MCAT scores do not measure compassion, professionalism or bedside manner BUT of your ability to successfully complete the rigorous medical school curriculum and pass standardized exams required for academic progress then eventually a license to practice medicine.
UC Davis Premedical Requirements

• Physicians should have a broad college level education in the natural, social, and behavioral sciences and the humanities. We require the MCAT and three years (90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours) in an accredited college or university that include the specific requirements listed below.

Required college-level courses (verified by AMCAS):

• Biological Sciences: 1 year
• Chemistry, general and organic sequence: 2 years
• Physics: 1 year
Application Strategies

• Apply early (June, July and early August); rolling admission process
• Do not take MCAT until completion of ALL premedical requirements including upper-division advanced biology courses such as biochemistry, genetics and physiology
• Take MCAT early before August or September exam dates allowing for 4 to 6 months of dedicated review
• Begin writing personal statement at least 3 to 4 months before submitting the AMCAS application; get feedback from others
• Begin collecting letters of recommendation in January of the application year
• Complete ALL secondary requests from medical schools in a timely fashion
• Proofread, proofread ALL submitted materials; enter accurate information for experience/activity time periods – do not inflate hours or service time
Letters of Recommendation

• Current letters expected (especially for re-applicants)
• Minimum of 3 and no more than 6
• Letter(s) from a clinical experience source is valued tremendously
• Letters from individuals representing significant experiences, activities, research, etc.
• It is the content of the letter that truly matters
Additional Sources of Information

• The Assn. of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) “Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) – on-line version

• [http://www.tomorrowsdoctors.org](http://www.tomorrowsdoctors.org)

• [http://ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/mdapplicant](http://ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/mdapplicant)

• UC Postbacc programs (UC Consortium)
  [https://postbac.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](https://postbac.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu)
How to contact the Office of Admissions

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Thank you!