UC Davis School of Medicine
Office of Admissions
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TYPE OF APPLICANTS

- We Want You …
  - Active
  - Compassionate
  - Hard-Worker
  - Passionate
  - Professional
  - Thoughtful
  - Team Player
How are these qualities measured?

- Life Experiences
- Work Experience
- Extracurricular Activities
- Personal Statement/Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Interview (Multiple Mini Interviews)

How About the Numbers?

- # of Applications: app. 5200
- # of Secondary Applications Requested: 3200
- # of Applicants Interviewed: 450 to 500
- # of Seats in the Class: 105
- # of Applicants Offered Admission: app. 200
- Total GPA: 3.60 to 3.70 (increasing trend)
- Composite MCAT: 31 to 32
  - Scores of 10 and higher in each section
  - Multiple Exams – increasing scores
  - Multiple Exams – most recent set only

Does not measure compassion nor bedside manner but your ability to pass standardized exams to proceed with medical education and licensure
What are my chances if ...

- Low UG GPA (less than 3.0)?
- Poor MCAT Scores (less than 28)?
- Do not have research?
- Have lots of clinical experiences and community service activities?
- Have limited clinical experiences, community service activities, etc., etc.
- If I complete a post-bacc program; courses at a community college after graduating; a second bachelors degree; a master’s/Ph.D. program; ?

Letters of Recommendation

- Current letters expected (including reapplicants);
- Minimum of 3 and no more than 6;
- Letter(s) from clinical experience sources a must have;
- Letters from individuals representing significant experiences, activities, research, etc.
- It’s the content of the letter that matters NOT the author...
Application Strategies

- Apply early (June, July and early August); rolling admissions process;
- Do not take the MCAT before completing ALL of the premedical requirements PLUS upper-division courses in biochemistry, genetics and physiology;
- Take MCAT early BEFORE August or September exam dates; allow 4 to 6 months of dedicated study before exam;
- Begin writing personal statement 3 to 4 months BEFORE submitting application;
- Begin collecting letters of recommendation in January of the application year;
- Complete ALL remaining premedical requirements no later than January during the application cycle;
- Complete ALL secondary applications requested from medical schools;
- Proofread, proofread, proofread ALL submitted materials; enter accurate information for experience/activity time periods;

Additional Sources for Information

- The Assn. of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) “Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)
  - http://www.tomorrowsdoctors.org
  - http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/medschool/
- UC Postbaccalaureate Programs:
How to Contact the Office of Admissions

- UC Davis School of Medicine Office of Admissions, Suite 1202, Sacramento, CA 95817
- (916) 734-4800
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- For applicants: Message Center on the Applicant Portal
  http://hs3admin.ucdsom.ucdavis.edu