

HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICE

WHAT MEDICAL SCHOOLS SHOULD I APPLY TO?

First of all ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is it more important to you to get into a school that you really want to go to (OPTION A), or are you willing to go to any school that will accept you (OPTION B)?
2. If you don't get in the first year you apply, will your application be stronger the second time you apply?
(If your application is not going to be stronger the second time you apply, you should follow OPTION B now.)

OPTION A:

Apply to only those schools that you really want to go to (unless you think your application will not be stronger the second time you apply). If you get into one, great. If you don't, follow OPTION B the second time you apply.

OPTION B:

Apply to as many schools as you would be willing to attend. A problem in deciding what schools to apply to is that it is not true that your chances might be better in a lesser ranked school than in a higher ranked school. Each year students who have gotten into a highly ranked school weren't even asked for interviews at many lower ranked schools.

OPTION C:

Applying to two kinds of schools (medical and osteopathic, medical and dental, medical and PA, etc.) Unless you truly do not care what kind of school you get into, OPTION C should not be followed until the second time you apply. Many students who do not get into medical school the first time they apply are successful the second time. So it is not wise to enroll in a school that will lead you to a different career as a result of only one round of applications, unless both careers are equally satisfactory to you. And if you really want to go to medical school, you might think about becoming a resident of another state (e.g. Texas, Louisiana, Ohio, Georgia, Oklahoma).

Do not apply to the following schools unless you are a resident of that state:

University of Alabama, University of S. Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Connecticut, University of East Tennessee, University of Florida, University of South Florida, Mercer University, University of Kansas, University of Hawaii, Southern Illinois University at Springfield, University of Indiana, Louisiana State University (at New Orleans), Louisiana State University (at Shreveport), University of Massachusetts, University of Minnesota (Duluth), University of Mississippi, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, University of Nevada, University of New Jersey, SUNY-Buffalo, University of New Mexico, University of North Carolina, Northeastern Ohio University, East Carolina University, University of North Dakota, University of South Dakota, Brown University, Medical College of Georgia, University of South Carolina, University of Puerto Rico, Texas A and M, Texas Tech, University of Tennessee, University of Washington, University of West Virginia

For statistics of in state versus out-of-state students accepted you should also check the individual school entries in the "Medical School Admissions Requirements" handbook to see if you meet a school's residency criteria.

MCAT scores are good for, on average, 3 years. Each school has their own policy which is listed in the "Medical School Admissions Requirements" handbook.

Good schools to apply to:

Albany, Medical College of Wisconsin, University of Vermont, Rochester, New York Medical, St. Louis University, Chicago Medical School (Finch), Hahnemann, Loyola University of Chicago Stritch, Medical College of Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State, George Washington, Temple, Jefferson, Georgetown, USC

After you have completed your list of schools, go down the list asking yourself this question: If this is the only school I get into, will I go to it? If the answer is no, take it off your list.

IT CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED; THE EARLIER YOU GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN AND COMPLETE YOUR FILE, THE BETTER YOUR CHANCE FOR ADMISSION