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# Admission Requirements and Provisions Impacted by COVID-19 2021-2022 Application Cycle

## **MCAT Scores**

The College understands that many applicants may be affected by the closure of MCAT test sites due to COVID-19 mandates. This may result in the unavailability of first-time MCAT scores to be included with required application materials. Applicants will be able to provide official MCAT score results to the Office of Admissions, prior to the cycle deadline dates, to complete their application. Applicants may be invited to participate in an interview prior to providing their first MCAT score result.

## **Admission Prerequisites**

Admission prerequisite coursework may also be affected due to the COVID-19 situation. Prerequisite coursework with a grade of "Pass" will be considered if completed while COVID-19 mandates are/were in place. The corresponding laboratory requirement for a requisite science course may be waived only for those applicants that were unable to complete the laboratory course/component, that was cancelled/not offered (documentation from the institution's Registrar will suffice), for a specific course taken during Spring 2020 through Spring 2021; courses and laboratories completed online will be considered. All applicants must complete the prerequisite courses at a college or university that is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; this includes all online coursework and all foreign degree conferred applicants.

#### **Physician Letter of Reference**

Due to the COVID-19 environment, the requirement for a letter from a physician (D.O. or M.D.) has been changed to *preferred* rather than required. In the event an applicant is unable to obtain a letter from a physician, a letter of reference from a clinical experience, including volunteer work, will be accepted.

An applicant may be invited to fill out a supplemental application and may be invited to interview prior to submitting a letter of reference from a physician or clinical experience. The letter of recommendation will be required prior to receiving an admission decision.

## <u>Supplemental Application and Interview</u>

Once the College has received an applicant's primary application, the Office of Admissions will complete pre-screening to verify the minimum cumulative science grade point average.

Applicants will be required to submit the supplemental application with appropriate supporting materials. Applicants may be invited to interview prior to submitting a first-time MCAT score and/or letter of recommendation from a physician or clinical experience.



## **Final Decision**

Applicants that interview prior to submitting a first-time MCAT score and/or letter of recommendation from a physician or clinical experience will not be eligible for a post-interview decision until the application is complete with all required materials submitted and minimum criteria met.