



Application Cycle for 2016-2017
Here's
What you need to know!

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Areas of Interest:

- Medical School
- Allopathic MD
- Osteopathic DO
- Optometry OD
- Dental DMD or DDS
- Veterinary D.V.M
- Pharmacy Pharm.D
- Nursing RN
- Allied Health:
 - Physician Assistant PA-C
 - Rehab Medicine
 - Physical Therapy (DPT)
 - Occupational Therapy (OT)
 - Speech Language Pathology(SLP)

Primary Areas of Interest to Clinical Professional Academic Programs:

- 1) Overall GPA
- 2) Science and Mathematics GPA (Key GPA)
- 3) Standardized Test Scores (MCAT, DAT, PCAT, etc.)



Standardized Entrance Exams

- Medical School:
 - MCAT
 - AMCAS
 - <https://www.aamc.org/>
- Dental School:
 - DAT
 - AADSAS
 - adea.org
- Veterinary School:
 - MCAT, GRE
 - VMCAS
 - aavmc.org
- Physicians Assistant:
 - GRE
 - CASPA
 - <https://portal.caspaonline.org>
 - AAPA.ORG
- Physical Therapy
 - GRE
 - APTA.ORG PTCAS.ORG
- Occupational Therapy
 - AOTA.ORG
- Pharmacy School:
 - PCAT
 - PharmCAS
 - pharmcas.org
- Osteopathic Medicine:
 - MCAT
 - AACOMAS
 - aacomas.org
- Optometry School:
 - OAT
 - ASCO
 - opted.org
- Nursing School

Medical School

- MCAT
 - <http://www.aamc.org/>
 - MCAT Schedule:
<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/>
 - Score Release Schedule and Registration Deadline:
<http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/deadlineandscorerelease.htm>
- AMCAS Application Deadlines
- Application opens May 1 – Begin accepting applications June 1 \$160.00
- Early Decision Program (EDP): August 1 for all medical schools
- Regular Admissions Program deadlines vary from school to school

Osteopathic Schools

- MCAT
- AACOMAS Application Deadlines
 - <http://www.aacom.org/>
 - Application Cycle opens May 5, 2016
 - Begin accepting applications June 5th
 - Deadlines vary from school to school

Dental School

- DAT
- AADSAS Deadlines
 - <http://www.adea.org>
 - <http://www.ada.org>
 - 2017 AADSAS application cycle will begin June 1, 2016 and will close Feb. 1st 2017

Veterinary School

- VMCAS Deadlines
 - <http://www.aavmc.org/vmcas>
 - Updated School information available
 - **The 2017 VMCAS Application will launch in late May 11, 2016**
 - Application closes Oct 1, 2016

Optometry School

- OAT
- Associations of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO)
 - <http://www.opted.org>
 - OptomCas Centralized Application Service
- Deadlines vary from school to school

Pharmacy Pharm.D

- PCAT: July, Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan (5 weeks)
- Pharmcas open June 1, 2016 to April 2017
- SC School of Pharmacy opens July 2016 to Jan. 1, 2017
- Check individual websites for details
- PCAT web.info

Physical Therapy (DPT)

- GRE Required Test
- APTA.ORG National Website
- PTCAS Central Application Service
opens July 2016
- MUSC does not use PTCAS ;
Application opens July 1, 2016

Occupational Therapy

- GRE
- American Occupational Therapy Association www.AOTA.org
- OTCAS Central application service
- MUSC does not subscribe

Physician Assistant School

- GRE
- CASPA Opens April 27, 2016
 - <https://portal.caspaonline.org/>
 - Deadlines are vary from school to school
 - Determined by the individual Physician Assistant programs, NOT by CASPA
 - MUSC does not use CASPA; Application opens July 1, 2016

Nursing School

- SAT/ ACT
- Accelerated BSN at MUSC
- Students admitted for spring and fall
- Spring deadline – September 15, 2016
- Fall deadline – February 1, 2017
- Centralized application Nursingcas.org
- MUSC does not subscribe

Letters of Recommendation

- Different options:
- Letter Packet using Virtual Evals (MD, DO and Post Bac Programs)
- Electronic forms require accurate contact information
- Always contact evaluators prior to asking for an evaluation
- If possible, visit in person to provide additional information such as: resume, unofficial transcripts

Personal Statement

- Primary goal-In a sincere & genuine way, tell them your story of why you have chosen their profession
- Moving, yet factual
- Flawless grammar, spelling & punctuation
- Follow guidelines for length
- Check out the Purdue Owl

On-campus Resources

- Center for Student Learning (Writing Lab)
- Career Center 2nd Floor in the Lightsey Center

Make Sure to READ Carefully!

- The applications have complete instructions
- Read (and re-read if necessary)
- If in doubt, call and check
- Put application aside for at least 24 hours – Proof one final time prior to sending it
- Make SURE to Monitor the Status!