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/](https://www.aamc.org/)

- Dental School:
  - DAT
  - AADSAS
  - [adea.org](http://adea.org)

- Veterinary School:
  - MCAT, GRE
  - VMCAS
    - [aavmc.org](http://aavmc.org)

- Physicians Assistant:
  - GRE
    - CASPA
    - [https://portal.caspaonline.org](https://portal.caspaonline.org)
    - [AAPA.ORG](http://aapa.org)

- Physical Therapy
  - GRE
    - [APTA.ORG](http://apta.org)
    - [PTCAS.ORG](http://ptcas.org)

- Occupational Therapy
  - [AOTA.ORG](http://aota.org)

- Pharmacy School:
  - PCAT
    - PharmCAS
    - [pharmcas.org](http://pharmcas.org)

- Osteopathic Medicine:
  - MCAT
    - AACOMAS
    - [aacomas.org](http://aacomas.org)

- Optometry School:
  - OAT
    - ASCO
    - [opted.org](http://opted.org)

- Nursing School
Medical School

• MCAT
  • [http://www.aamc.org/](http://www.aamc.org/)
  • MCAT Schedule: [https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/](https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/)
  • Score Release Schedule and Registration Deadline: [http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/deadlineandscorerelease.htm](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](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](http://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!