

University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Medical School Guide map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

*(Degree Requirements/Sequencing may impact ability to strictly follow guide map)**

First Year	
BIOL 1110/1110L: Principles of Biology I/Lab (4 credit hours)	CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
BIOL 1120/1120L: Principles of Biology II/Lab (4 credit hours)	CHEM 1120/1120L: General Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1011: Rhetoric and Writing I (3-4 Credit hours)	ENGL 1020: Rhetoric and Writing II (3 Credit hours)
MATH 1130: College Algebra or MATH 1710: Precal I or Math 1720: Precal II or MATH 1730: Combined Precal (3-4 Credit Hours)	MATH 1830: Calculus for Management, Life and Social Sciences or MATH 1950: Calculus I (3-4 Credit Hours)
Second Year and Third Year	
CHEM 3010/3010L: Organic Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
PSY 1010: Introduction to Psychology (3 Credit Hours)	SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology (3 Credit Hours)
PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics & Heat/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	PHYS 1040/1040L: General Physics - Electromagnetism & Optics/Labor (4 Credit Hours)
CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (4 Credit Hours)	BIOL 3250: Genetics (3 Credit Hours) <i>Recommended</i>
Study for MCAT	Take MCAT April or May of third Year
*Students coming in with: transfer credit, AP, Dual Enrollment, other credit, or who opt to take summer courses may have an amended timeline. Please reach out to the Pre-Health Professions Advisor to develop a custom timeline	

Prior Credit and Residency Information

AP not Accepted	AP Accepted	Residency
Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, and Genetics	Gen. Biology & Chemistry, English & Math. Bio. and Chem. Only accepted if higher level course completed	No more than 10% of incoming class admitted from outside TN including children of alumni. DACA and Canadian Residents are not eligible to apply

MCAT Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration for MCAT: \$320	50 th percentile is considered competitive at UTHSC	Recommended timeline: April/May year prior to when you plan to enroll	No scores can be omitted, every attempt is reported
Registration for the MCAT 8 days or less prior to test date: \$370	125 minimum in each category to be competitive at UTHSC	Deadline for MCAT is last date in Sept. for that year's application cycle	Scores are automatically released to AMCAS
16 days or more before test date, refund of \$155 issued; no refund 15 days or less from the test date	500+ total score to be considered competitive at UTHSC	Scores are received within 30 days of the test	Scores can be sent to non AMCAS school electronically via Score Reporting System or mailing official copy
Fee Assistance is offered but MUST be applied for prior to selecting date for exam. Fee is dropped to \$125 MCAT Fee Assistance	Scores must be no older than 5 years from the year you plan to enroll.		Additional fees may apply to sending your scores to non AMCAS schools

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Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year			
Year 1 Classes	Year 1 Experience	Year 2 Classes	Year 2 Experience
Complete course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology, English Composition, and Algebra/Calculus	Join clubs/get involved, begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop	Complete: Organic Chemistry, Psychology, Sociology, and Physics	Shadowing/scribing, leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement and participate in MCAT prep. Identify recommenders

Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance			
Year 3 Classes	Year 3 Experience	Year 3 - Summer	Year 4 Class
Complete: Biochemistry, Genetics, and Physics (if not completed in second year)	Continue shadowing, volunteering, and other activities. Prepare for MCAT and register for MCAT to take April/May	Submit completed AMCAS application no later than June 30	Complete remaining degree requirements

Application Breakdown			
Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility			
Eligibility	MCAT	Evaluations/Letters of Rec.	
Must be US citizen or permanent resident, competitive MCAT scores, and completed required courses and all required materials for application.	Scores can be no older than 5 years. 510 average scores for Fall 2019 entering class with no less than a 128 in each category	Uploaded to AMCAS service. Letters from science faculty and Pre-Health Advisor/committee recommended	
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications			
Application	Cost	Secondary Application	Headshot
New AMCAS Application required every year - Opens June 1 and closes Nov. 15 at 11:59pm	\$170 for initial application/first school, \$41 for each additional school	Sent between Aug. 18 and mid-Jan via email listed in AMCAS Application. No additional fees required for secondary application	Professional Headshot required. Do not reformat file, digital photo must be no older than 6 months and submitted in JPEG file
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision			
Interview	Acceptance	Denial	Alternate
Scheduled M/T/W from Oct - April. Invitations sent beginning mid-Sept, two interviews conducted 1 academic and 1 focusing on personal aspects of the applicant	Deadline to accept admission is April 30. Students with multiple offers MUST decide and decline all but one by April 30	Students denied admission after the interview process can meet with the Dean of Admissions to discuss readmission. Final decision letters are mailed April 15	Students can be placed on an alternate list can be offered admission between May and July. Admissions offers from Alternate list must respond within 2 weeks of notification. Decisions are sent through Postal Service not email. On average 60 students from the Alternate list are admitted each year with an average of 250 total on alternate list

**** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information**