

# Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

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 (3 Credit Hours)	Math 2100: Introduction to Statistics (3 Credit Hours)
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	

## Additional Admission Information

MD and MD/PhD Program	In-State Tuition	Criminal Background Checks
Offers both traditional MD program, and MD/PhD program, MIDP (for students already holding a doctorate) program	There is no tuition difference for in-state and out-of-state students	Criminal background checks are conducted on all conditionally admitted applicants

## MCAT Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration for MCAT: \$320	71st + percentile is considered competitive at Vanderbilt	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	128 minimum in each category to be competitive at Vanderbilt	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	521 average MCAT score for the incoming Fall 2019 Class	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 <a href="#">MCAT Fee Assistance</a>	Scores must be no older than 3 years from the year you plan to enroll.	If changing test date, must notify AMCAS and Vanderbilt for scores to be considered	Additional fees may apply to sending your scores to non AMCAS schools

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Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year				
<i>Year 1 Classes</i>	<i>Year 1 Experience</i>	<i>Year 2 Classes</i>	<i>Year 2 Experience</i>	
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				
<i>Year 3 Classes</i>	<i>Year 3 Experience</i>	<i>Year 3 - Summer</i>	<i>Year 4 Class</i>	<i>AP Credit</i>
Complete: Biochemistry, Physics, and Statistics	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	Accepted but coursework on campus is STRONGLY encouraged
Application Breakdown				
<b><i>Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility</i></b>				
Eligibility		MCAT	Letters of Recommendation	
Out of State, DACA, International, Canadian, and US citizens/permanent residents eligible to apply; International students must take additional science courses at a English speaking university if their university does not use English as its language of instruction		Note "next MCAT date" in AMCAS if repeating test otherwise no scores after AMCAS submission will be considered	3 required, sent to AMCAS. Will accept up to 5 letters. Advanced degrees or post grad full time work it is advised to have graduate faculty or supervisor to write a letter. Pre-Health advisor or committee is expected to provide letter	
<b><i>Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications</i></b>				
Application		Cost	Secondary Application	
AMCAS Application required. AMCAS app can not be submitted any earlier than May 30 review of applications begin July 1. Nov 1 is last day to submit AMCAS application and Nov 15 is last day for official transcripts to arrive to AMCAS		\$170 for initial app/first school, \$41 for each add 'l school, non-refundable. \$85 secondary app fee	Submit secondary app and letters of evaluation no more than 2 wks. after receiving the invitation due to rolling admission. The earliest a student will be invited to complete the application is July 9. Secondary apps are due by Nov 1	
<b><i>Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision</i></b>				
Interview		Acceptance		Waitlist
Held Mondays and Fridays from early September to Mid January. Format: Two interviews are held. One interview is an open file (AMCAS and secondary) interview that lasts roughly 45 minutes. The other is a short, closed file interview that lasts roughly 20 minutes		Early December: Acceptances to the MIDP cohort will be made. Mid-December: First wave of acceptances will be made. Mid-February: Last wave of acceptances will be made. No deposit required to hold spot, accepted students will receive a letter in the mail. Admitted students attend Second Look Weekend in early April a week long orientation to VUSM and the Nashville area		Average 15 students admitted via waitlist. Waitlist is not ranked, admittance from the waitlist is based on a holistic review
<b>** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information</b>				