The pre-med curriculum at UofL is designed to assist undergraduates preparing for admission to and success in medical school. There is no pre-med major offered at UofL; faculty encourage students to select an academic major which will help them achieve their personal and professional goals, whether they are admitted to medical school or not.

**Degree Programs**

Students at UofL who apply to medical school typically have a variety of majors. The top five majors selected by students admitted to UofL's School of Medicine are biology, chemistry, psychology, foreign language, and bioengineering.

Pre-med advisers recommend considering several factors when choosing a major, including:

- Select something they enjoy; grades are very important when applying to medical schools, and one is more likely to do well if they enjoy the subject matter
- The ability of the major to prepare them for the MCAT subject areas

**Preparation**

If possible, a student should start preparing for a career in medicine in high school or early in undergraduate studies. There are various ways to prepare for medical school applications, including:

- Taking additional electives in math, biology, chemistry, and physics
- Volunteering in a medical setting or participating in special summer programs
- Establishing a strong academic record
- Shadowing members of the medical community in various fields
- Engaging in research opportunities
- Get involved in pre-med student organizations like Alpha Epsilon Delta, Phi Delta Epsilon, and the Multicultural Association of Pre-Med Students

**Guaranteed Entrance to Medical School**

Students who complete the GEMS program are automatically admitted to UofL's School of Medicine if they maintain a 3.4 GPA, score at or above the national mean on each section of the MCAT and fully participate in program activities.

Requirements to apply:

- 31 ACT or 1420 and 3.75 GPA
- Essay (400 words or fewer) stating how the student arrived at this point in their career decision-making, including plans and goals for the future
- Two letters of recommendation (high school principal/counselor and science or mathematics teacher)

To apply visit: louisville.edu/admissions/aid
Deadline: December 15

**Prerequisites**

Medical schools require certain minimum prerequisites. It is advisable to go beyond these minimum requirements to be truly competitive:

- General Biology with labs - 2 semesters
- General Inorganic Chemistry with labs - 2 semesters
- General Organic Chemistry with labs - 2 semesters
- General Physics with labs - 2 semesters
- English - 2 semesters
- Calculus - 1 semester OR College Mathematics - 2 semesters

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