Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Masters of Science (MS) in Physiology

Q: How do I apply?
A: Applications are completed online with all materials submitted to the Graduate School’s Website: http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application

Q: Do you offer financial assistance or scholarships for this program?
A: Not at this time. More information on how to finance the MS Degree may be found on the UofL Financial Aid website: http://louisville.edu/financialaid.

Q: Where can I go to learn more about the MS Program in Physiology?
A: The MS Program is described at: http://louisville.edu/medicine/departments/physiology/degrees/ms-pb

Q: Does completion of this MS degree guarantee entry into a professional school such as Medical, Dental, Osteopathic, Pharmacy, Physician’s Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Optometry, etc. School?
A: No, this is not a direct access or entry Program. However, professional school admissions officers describe that applicants who demonstrate, via transcripts or standardized test scores, a better knowledge and understanding of the medical sciences are usually more attractive for admission. Earning a GPA of 3.5 or better in a medical-based science MS, coupled with significantly high standardized test scores, are typically viewed as application strengths.

Q: What is the application deadline?
A: July 31st

Q: Is a 2.8 undergrad GPA necessary to apply?
A: It is a guideline; other factors will also be considered.

Q: What is the cost for the entire program?
A: Fall, 2019 data: In-state tuition is approximately $17K and Out-of-state tuition of $36K.

Q: How far into the summer does the program last?
A: Classes will typically conclude by the end of June.
Q: What is meant by an “acceptable score” on the GRE, MCAT or DAT?
A: The Admissions Committee examines standardized scores primarily based on the average Percentile ranking. The Percentile represents roughly the number of students who did less (poorer) than the score earned in the cohort who took the test. Our Committee likes to see an average Percentile ranking of at least 40%. The committee relies less on standardized test scores and instead depends on other application components such as: extraordinary letters of recommendation, specific course and other grades, etc.

Q: Can you start the program in the summer or spring semester?
A: No. The MS in Physiology Program begins in the fall semester since the courses are sequential.

Q: Where can I enter my MCAT or DAT scores in the online application?
A: There isn’t a place to enter the scores on the application. For the MCAT, go to the AAMC website and obtain your verification code. Next, email your verification code to the Graduate School: gradadm@louisville.edu, along with your name and the name of the program for which you are applying (Physiology MS). The Graduate School will obtain your scores and add them to your application. For the DAT, please contact Prometric Testing and request that the results be sent to: University of Louisville GRADUATE SCHOOL 2211 S Brook St, Houchens Bldg, Rm 105 Louisville, Kentucky 40292

Q: Do students who complete the MS Program in Physiology achieve entry into their desired Professional School?
A: Students who demonstrate a high level of health-related science knowledge and understanding by achieving high standards in GPA and standardized test scores have often achieved their goal of admission to the health professional school. This is not an absolute but many of our former students have entered, graduated and are now practicing. Again, each application is evaluated independent of our faculty by the School Admissions Officers and Committees and it is their decision to pursue/offer an admission; our Program cannot make any guarantee.

Q: How many students are in the MS Program in Physiology each year?
A: The Admissions Committee’s target is between 40 and 60 students admitted/yr.