

University of Louisville School of Medicine
Post-bac Pre-med Certificate Program
ASSURED ADMISSION PROTOCOL

DESCRIPTION

Pre-medical students apply to medical school the year prior to actually matriculating. The Post-bac Pre-med Certificate Program generally takes 1.5 to 2 years to complete. The assured admission policy allows the students in our program to apply for medical school during their first year of the program and potentially be accepted to the University of Louisville School of Medicine by the conclusion of their second year, **eliminating an additional year of waiting.**

Assured admission is **optional**. Our students are allowed to apply to other medical schools of interest and still be considered for assured admission to U of L or may **exclusively** apply for assured admission to U of L. Those who apply exclusively to the U of L School of Medicine will have their AMCAS fee waived.

For assured admission under this program, students **must** complete their post-bac pre-med certificate at U of L prior to matriculation at the U of L School of Medicine.

ADMISSION TIME FRAME

1. For assured admission in August of a given year, the applicant must have:
 - (1) Enrolled and started classes in the Post-bac certificate program by January of the year **PRIOR TO** the year of desired medical school matriculation.
 - (2) Completed ≥ 24 hours within the UL Post-bac program by **December 31** of that same year.
2. For desired assured admission status in August of a given year, the applicant must inform the Post-bac Director of this intention and submit their AMCAS application by **October 1** of the prior year.

Please note: Students wishing to apply to additional medical schools can still be considered for assured admission at the U of L School of Medicine but, must apply as regular MD and pay the applicable AMCAS fees (ULSOM must be one of your choices). Applicants who apply as early assurance but, do not meet the assured admission standards (e.g., interview scores, 3.5 GPA) will be deferred to the regular applicant pool for consideration at U of L and can then apply to other programs.

REQUIREMENTS

1. GPA
 - a. If have completed ≥ 24 hours within UL Post-bac program and UL Post-bac GPA ≥ 3.6 then will be interviewed.
 - b. If ≥ 30 hours within UL Post-bac program and UL Post-bac GPA ≥ 3.5 then will be interviewed.
 - c. If UL Post-bac GPA does not meet these requirements then the applicant goes into pool for regular admission consideration.
2. INTERVIEW SCORE ≥ 28 total points for two interviews (that is, an average score ≥ 3.5) with no section below 3 (**Note:** 3.0 is an “average” interview on this scale)
 - a. Interviews will be offered after the applicant has successfully completed ≥ 24 hours as outlined in Item 1. above.
 - b. If interview total points ≤ 27 then the applicant goes into pool for regular admission consideration.
3. MCAT
 - a. MCAT must be scheduled such that the score is available on or before May 15 of the year of desired matriculation.
 - b. MCAT ≥ 9.0 average (with not less than 8 on any individual numerical section) and at least N in the writing sample, all during one testing; with GPA and interview standards also met, then “Assured Admission.”
 - c. If MCAT $< 9.0/N$ then the applicant goes into pool for regular admission consideration.
 - d. The MCAT may be retaken a second time as long as Item 3.a. is fulfilled. However the most recent score will then be the score of action and must meet Item 3.b. for an assured admission.
 - e. If the necessary score is not achieved with the second attempt, the student must meet with the Post-bac Program Director (PD) to discuss options and the possibility of a third attempt. The PD will then meet with Admissions personnel to determine if a third assured admission attempt will be allowed.