

Office Of Admissions

Admissions Policies & Procedures



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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The University of Louisville School of Medicine Campus sits amid a growing metropolitan medical center. Four hospitals and a number of auxiliary medical facilities are within walking distance of the campus...

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University of Louisville School of Medicine

One of the oldest medical schools in the United States, the University of Louisville School of Medicine offers exceptional education and training, with exposure to a wide variety of medical specialties. Five teaching hospitals are available to medical students, all of which offer clinical experiences involving a large and diverse patient base. We excel in the education of physicians and scientists for careers in teaching, research, patient care and service. Our research brings fundamental discoveries to the bedside, and is a vital component in the University's mission to be a premier, nationally recognized metropolitan research university.

Current Trends and Class Profile

Kentucky residents are selected for 120 seats in our School of Medicine class of approximately 162. The out of state seats are awarded with consideration given to superior academic achievement and MCAT scores, Kentucky ties (family of history, formerly from KY, attendance at a Kentucky undergraduate institution, regional proximity) and underrepresented population status. The general applicant pool has become increasingly more competitive. The following statistics reflect the makeup of our most recent first year class, 2019.

2019 University of Louisville School of Medicine Entering Class Statistics

3.68	Overall GPA
3.59	BCPM GPA
508	MCAT - Average total score
54%	Male
46%	Female
44	Students are University of Louisville graduates
59	Colleges/Universities represented
23%	Natives of PEPP (manpower shortage area counties)
27%	Jefferson County residents
10%	Nontraditional students ranging in age from 27-35
12%	Underrepresented in medicine

Admissions Selection

Applicants to the first year class of the University of Louisville School of Medicine are considered individually and are selected based on merit without consideration of race, sexual orientation, religion, gender, age or national origin. Although applications from nonresidents are accepted, residents of Kentucky are given preference for admission. This policy is consistent with the mission of the University of Louisville as a part of the state university system.

The Admissions Committee evaluates an applicant's acceptability based on the entire academic record (undergraduate and graduate), Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) scores, and premedical advisory committee recommendations. The applicant's communication skills, personality and motivation are evaluated by interviews with members of the committee. Extracurricular activities and medical exposure are also important elements of the applicant evaluation. Complete undergraduate preparation is strongly encouraged. The minimum prerequisites are listed under the Pre-Med Curriculum. Your best resource for determining the appropriate prerequisite courses is the pre-med advisor at your undergraduate institution.

Interviews are arranged by the Admissions Office for each applicant whose credentials appear to warrant further exploration. The interview day schedule provides the applicant an opportunity to talk with medical students and to see the facilities of the Health Sciences Center.

Pre-Med Curriculum

Completion of the following courses is required prior to matriculation.

- 2 Semesters of General Biology with labs
- 2 Semesters of General Chemistry with labs
- 2 Semesters of Organic Chemistry with labs
- 2 Semesters of General Physics with labs
- 2 Semesters of English
- 1 Semester of Calculus or
2 Semesters of Other College Mathematics

In addition, a biochemistry course is strongly encouraged to further strengthen the premedical academic foundation. A biochemistry lecture course may substitute for the second semester organic chemistry lab requirement.

For specific details about the required prerequisite courses see <http://louisville.edu/medicine/admissions/app-process/complete-prerequisites>.

Application Timetable

The University of Louisville School of Medicine (ULSOM) participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). Application materials must be accessed directly from the AMCAS web site and should be available late May to early June. The application deadline is October 15, but early application is encouraged.

Contact AMCAS:

Phone: (202) 828-0600

Email: amcas@aamc.org

Web address:

<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/>

Upon receipt of the AMCAS application, qualified applicants are directed to complete a ULSOM secondary application that requires a non-refundable processing fee of \$75. If the applicant is accepted, the fee cannot be credited toward tuition. The fee may be waived, however, if the applicant has received a fee waiver from AMCAS.

The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) is required of all applicants. The MCAT is a computer based test, and is given multiple times between the months of January and September. It is best to take the MCAT in the Spring of your Junior year to allow for retesting (if necessary). The ULSOM will only accept the most recent score and no more than two years old. Detailed information about the test may be obtained from the applicant's premedical advisor or by contacting the MCAT program office directly.

Contact MCAT Program Office:

Phone: (202) 828-0600

Email: mcataamc.org

Web address: <https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/>

Letters of Recommendation

- Each applicant is required to submit a pre-med advisory committee report. If your college/university does not have a pre-med committee, we require 3 academic letters of recommendation. These letters must be on college letterhead and specifically, they should be from 2 science professors and 1 non-science professor.
- Candidates may submit two additional letters, ideally, from sources that speak to the candidate's suitability for medicine.
- Non-traditional applicants or those that have been out of school for 2 or more years may substitute no more than 2 academic letters with employer letters from a direct supervisor, a letter from a research PI/supervisor or letters from a substantive volunteer environment.

- All letters of recommendation for the University of Louisville School of Medicine must be submitted via the AMCAS letter service. This service enables medical schools to receive all letters electronically via AMCAS, and enables authors to send all letters to be considered by schools participating in this service to AMCAS rather than each school. There are several mediums in which a letter writer can send your letter to AMCAS. AMCAS will receive letters from users of VirtualEvals, Interfolio, and via the mail. In addition, letter writers who currently mail letters can opt to upload letters directly to AMCAS through the AMCAS Letter Writer

Early Decision Program (Optional)

The Early Decision Program (EDP) provides the well-qualified applicant an opportunity to secure acceptance by October 1. Candidates accepted through the EDP must attend the accepting institution. By applying as an EDP candidate, the individual agrees not to apply to any other U.S. medical school until any of the following occurs: 1) denial of an EDP commitment 2) release from the EDP commitment; or 3) October 1 notification deadline expiration. The limited number of early decision seats is awarded based on exceptional academic standing and MCAT scores. The EDP application deadline is August 1. ULSOM applicants who apply EDP and are not accepted are placed in the regular applicant pool.

Entering Fall 2020 Important Dates

EARLY JUNE - All applicants are able to complete and submit the AMCAS application.

- Applications are reviewed on a rolling admissions procedure. Due to this fact students are encouraged to complete the application process as early as possible.

EARLY DECISION APPLICANTS

August 1, 2019: AMCAS Application and transcript deadline

Mid August: Interviews begin

August 31, 2019: Secondary Application deadline

September 15, 2019: Letters of Recommendation deadline

October 1, 2019: Applicants notified of admissions decision

REGULAR APPLICANTS

Mid August: Interviews begin

October 15, 2019: AMCAS application deadline and first notification date of acceptance (applicants are accepted, wait-listed or denied until the class is filled)

October 30, 2019: AMCAS transcript deadline

December 31, 2019: Secondary Application deadline

March 1, 2020: Letters of Recommendation deadline

WITHDRAWAL POLICIES

April 30, 2020 - MD/PhD Applicants:

- Deadline to withdraw Fall 2020 acceptance

April 30, 2020 - Regular Applicants:

- Deadline to withdraw Fall 2020 acceptance

TRANSCRIPT POLICY

July 1, 2020 – Deadline to submit final transcript(s) to the School of Medicine Office of Admissions for Fall 2020 matriculation.

- Final transcript(s) must show a degree posted.
- AMCAS **does not** forward transcripts to medical schools.
- Mail Transcripts To:

University of Louisville
School of Medicine
Office of Admissions
323 E. Chestnut St.
Louisville, KY 40202

Criminal Background Check (CBC) Policy

CBC will be administered through AAMC on all applicants at the time of acceptance, and on alternate applicants at the request of the Admissions Office. Applicants must consent, submit to, and satisfactorily complete a criminal background check investigation as a condition of matriculation into ULSOM. For more information go to <http://louisville.edu/medicine/admissions/policies/criminal-background-check-policy>.

Transfers

Transfer is defined as changing enrollment from one medical school to another. Applicants currently enrolled in or graduated from health related fields including dentistry, osteopathic medicine or veterinary medicine are not accepted for transfer or advanced standing. Transfers are considered on a case-by-case basis and are most often granted in cases of hardship. The transfer application deadline is April 30. Transfer requests from foreign medical schools or those not accredited by LCME are not considered.

International Applicants

Applications from International students, including those with

“Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” status (DACA), are accepted. Consistent with the mission of the University of Louisville as a state university, those with significant academic, personal or family ties to Kentucky are given preference. International applicants are considered under the following circumstances:

- The applicant has a pending application for permanent residency status in the United States **and** A) is either married to a U.S. citizen who has an established residence in Kentucky and intends to remain in Kentucky, or B) has numerous members of his or her immediate family who have established residence in Kentucky indefinitely.
- The applicant has been granted DACA status **and** A) is either married to a U.S. citizen who has an established residence in Kentucky and intends to remain in Kentucky, or B) has numerous members of his or her immediate family who have established residence in Kentucky indefinitely.

All decisions as to whether consideration circumstances exist in a particular application for admission shall be made by the Admissions Dean or the Dean’s designee.

International students, including those with a pending application for permanent residency or with DACA status, are not eligible for most federal benefits, including federally-guaranteed student loans. Such loans usually comprise an important part of a medical student’s financial aid package. Therefore, if these international students are offered admission, they must submit documentation of sufficient funds to cover the cost of completing a medical degree (see estimates at <http://louisville.edu/medicine/financialaid/cost-of-attendance>). Admission offers to international students who are unable to submit adequate documentation of sufficient funds will be withdrawn. All decisions as to whether the documentation of sufficient funds is adequate for a particular international student offered admission shall be made by the Dean or her designee.

Inquiries

Inquiries concerning admissions to the School of Medicine should be addressed to:

UofL School of Medicine Office of Admissions
Abell Administration Center, Rm. 413
323 E. Chestnut St. Louisville, KY 40202-3866

Phone: (502) 852-5193 or 1 (800) 334-8635 Ext. 852-5193

E-mail: medadm@louisville.edu

Web address: <http://louisville.edu/medschool>

The Medical Education Program

At the University of Louisville School of Medicine, an educational program has been developed that provides each student with the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes considered essential to all 21st century physicians, yet has sufficient flexibility to allow effective development of a student’s individual abilities and interests. The three major components of the program are:

Core Curriculum

The core curriculum, which extends over the four year course of study, stresses understanding concepts and general principles. It provides vertical and horizontal integration of the sciences so that information in one block of study reinforces ideas and builds upon concepts developed in another.

Year 1 begins with the normal anatomic structures and their embryologic development, and then explores the molecular basis of life and molecular mechanisms of disease, infection, and immunity. Year 2 investigates the normal cellular structure and function, the pathology and pathophysiology of disease, and corrective treatment for each major organ system. The Introduction to Clinical Medicine course runs throughout years 1 and 2 and teaches communication and humanism skills, medical history taking, physical exam skills, foundations of medical ethics, culturally competent patient-centered care, interprofessional team care, healthcare systems, and evidence-based medicine.

The core curriculum for the last two years follows a track system of clerkship and elective rotations that exposes students to the major clinical fields of medicine. Required 3rd year clerkships include Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Surgery. As part of the Family Medicine clerkship, students complete a four-week rotation at rural or urban AHEC sites to gain experience in caring for underserved areas of the Commonwealth. The 4th year schedule includes a subinternship in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics or Surgery, selectives in intensive care, palliative care, and ambulatory rotations plus 22 weeks of elective opportunities.

Additionally, select students have the opportunity to complete their entire third and fourth years of clinical training at the Trover Campus in Madisonville, KY.

Preclinical Electives

The purpose of preclinical electives is to allow each student to extend his/her education in certain areas of scientific knowledge. The electives make it possible to construct a program of medical education that best meets the needs, abilities, and goals of the individual student. Electives can occur in the local or global community and include clinical experiences with underserved populations or global health experiences. Students also are permitted to take classroom courses as electives in divisions of the University of Louisville other than the School of Medicine, class schedule permitting. In addition to the courses offered, students with a research interest are permitted to participate in an approved research activity for elective credit. Elective courses constitute an integral part of the student's total program in medical school. Second year students take a minimum of two credit hours of elective courses.

Clinical Electives

Third year students are offered a 4-week block enabling them to explore a career in subspecialty areas of medicine that are not

required within the core third year clinical clerkships. Fourth year students are offered an additional 22 weeks of electives. Of those 22 weeks, 10-12 of those weeks are spent in electives directly related to the student's choice of residency. Virtually every member of the full-time clinical faculty participates in electives, as do many members of the basic sciences faculty. Students may select an intensive exposure to any of the clinical areas or a research experience in any of the basic science or clinical areas. During this time, a student also may elect to take a classroom course from the eligible second year electives list.

Trover Rural Track

In 1998, the University of Louisville Trover Campus at Baptist Health Madisonville began offering medical students from UofL the opportunity to complete the last two years of medical school in a rural community. The Trover Campus is based in Madisonville, KY, and is designed to accommodate up to 8 Third Year and 8 Fourth Year students for their clinical rotations. Students may apply for dedicated admission to the Trover Rural Track program by indicating their interest on UofL's Secondary Application and completing the Trover Rural Track application. To view more information about the Trover Campus, go to <http://ultc.baptisthealthmadisonville.com/> or contact Dr. William Crump, Associate Dean of Trover Campus and Professor of Family Medicine at UofL at bill.crump@bhsi.com or Mr. Steve Fricker, Director of Rural Health/Student Affairs at steve.fricker@bhsi.com. You may also call (270) 824-3515 or 1-800-217-9149 for more information.

Dual Degrees

Especially capable students enrolled in the School of Medicine may work toward a MBA or Ph.D. degree while pursuing the M.D. degree. Review more information about our Dual Degree offerings below.

MD/MBA:

With the healthcare industry rapidly changing, strengthen your depth of business operations with the dual UofL MD/MBA program. UofL Medical School students are eligible to participate upon completion of their second or third year of medical school, or as a UofL Medical School Alum. Dual degree seeking students must gain admission to both programs independently. As a dual degree student, all business electives are waived in the MBA program although you have the option of enrolling while a student at no cost. Note: MCAT scores are accepted in lieu of GMAT. Whether your career goals include managing your own practice, developing and marketing biomedical discoveries and medical devices, working to enhance the delivery of outstanding clinical care or improving the health care system, the MD/MBA dual degree will serve you well. More information at <http://louisville.edu/medicine/degrees/dualdegree/md-mba>.

Questions? Contact: Questions? Contact: School of Medicine – In Kim, MD, MBA at in.kim@louisville.edu. College of Business – Susan Hildebrand, MBA Admissions Director, College of Business, UL at s.hildebrand@louisville.edu or by phone at 502-852-6967.

MD/PhD:

The M.D./Ph.D. physician scientist training program fulfills the requirements for both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees to harness contemporary technologies and resources to attack some of the major health problems facing our society. The comprehensive program includes two years in pre-clinical coursework, followed by graduate training in one of the basic research departments in the School of Medicine, and two years of medical rotations for clinical training. This approach emphasizes the interface between biomedical science and clinical practice that is essential in treating patients and investigating the basis of their disease. The small size of the program ensures a high quality training experience providing individualized attention and access to a wide variety of research experiences in top-flight research laboratories. Applicants must submit applications through the American College Application Service (AMCAS). If you are interested in being considered for the M.D./Ph.D. program, you should check the appropriate box on the University of Louisville Medical School application when you apply. Applicants should have fulfilled prerequisites for admission to the School of Medicine (including the MCAT standardized examination) and have a proven commitment to biomedical research. Read more at <https://louisville.edu/medicine/degrees/mdphd>.

Questions? Contact: Dr. Russell Salter at (502) 852-3740 or Victoria King at (502) 852-1626 or via email at mdphd@louisville.edu

Distinction Tracks

The Distinction Track Program at the University of Louisville School of Medicine was created to meet two primary goals: to increase the number of students choosing a career in academic medicine and to provide students with opportunities to focus on areas in medicine for which they have a passion. The University of Louisville currently has four Distinction Tracks: **Business and Leadership, Global Health, Medical Education, and Research**. Each track is unique in its requirements, ensures a mentored longitudinal experience, and culminates in a scholarly project. Read more at <http://louisville.edu/medicine/distinction>.

Financial Aid

Approximately 90% of all U of L Medical students will need assistance or utilize the services of the Office of Student Financial Aid. Our office is conveniently located in the A

Building in Rooms 205 and 208. The Office of Student Financial Aid is staffed by the Director of Financial Aid and a Financial Aid Advisor Senior. The School of Medicine participates in all forms of Federal financial assistance. Below, is a listing of the types of aid available for which students can apply each year.

Department of Education Programs 2019-2020 Annual Maximum

Direct Unsubsidized Loan.....	\$20,500
Direct Additional Unsubsidized Loan	
Varies from.....	\$22,222 to \$26,667
Direct GRAD/Plus.....	Cost of attendance less other aid

Department of Health and Human Services Programs

-Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS).....Varies
-Primary Care Loan (PCL).....Up to cost of attendance
Students at the School of Medicine can also receive funding from various outside scholarship sources. Listed below are a few examples:

- National Medical Fellowships, Inc.
- Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program
- National Health Services Corps Scholarships
- Indian Health Services Scholarships

The Medical School also has endowed scholarship funds to award to incoming students. These are generally awarded to students who demonstrate the potential for superior academic performance. The Admissions Office will notify the incoming freshman of any scholarship award they may be offered. If the student accepts the scholarship offered by the Admissions Office, the Office of Student Financial Aid will process the award and questions can be directed to that office. A complete listing of endowed scholarships and programs are listed on the Medical School Financial Aid website <http://louisville.edu/medicine/financialaid>.

The Admissions Office will determine scholarship awards based on information in the student's file. Admitted students are not required to complete a separate scholarship application.

For many students this will be their first time applying for loan sources of aid. It is important for the student to be informed and aware of their borrowing expenses. Attending Financial Aid Workshops that are offered and asking questions will make the process of applying for aid less confusing. Students must apply for aid each academic year. The priority date to apply for Federal Aid is April 1 of the year you will enter Medical School. The application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is located online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/.

University of Louisville School of Medicine
2019-2020 Academic Year
Cost of Attendance (COA) (# months)
Direct Curriculum Expenses

	MED 1 (10)	MED 2 (11)	MED 3 (12)	MED 4 (10)
Kentucky Resident Tuition	40,760	40,760	40,760	40,760
Non-Resident Tuition	61,982	61,982	61,982	61,982
Books & Supplies (Computer M1)	1,412	734	132	100
Technology Fee	1,250	1,250	1,250	700
HSC Health Fee	105	105	105	105
Recreation Fee	196	196	196	196
Disability Insurance	55	55	55	55
NB Exams	0	630	2,270	0
Residency Application	0	0	0	2,976
Drug Testing Fee	0	0	49	0

Total Curriculum Expenses

	MED 1 (10)	MED 2 (11)	MED 3 (12)	MED 4 (10)
Kentucky Resident	43,778	43,730	44,818	44,892
Non-Resident	65,000	64,952	66,039	66,114
Non Direct Expenses (Room & Board, Transportation, Health Insurance, Personal Expenses & Loan Fees)	22,276	24,458	26,642	22,276
Total Resident COA	66,054	68,188	71,460	67,168
Total Non-Resident COA	87,276	89,410	92,682	88,390

Financing a medical career is a major step and we understand the stresses involved in your academic pursuits. We hope to make the financial aid process a smooth one and meet the needs of each individual student. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions:

Leslie Kaelin, Director of Financial Aid
 Cynthia Morse, Financial Aid Advisor, Sr.
 University of Louisville School of Medicine
 Office of Student Financial Aid
 A Building, Rooms 205 and 208
 Louisville, KY 40292
 Phone: 502-852-5187 or 800-334-8635, Ext. 852-5187

Housing

The University of Louisville Health Sciences Campus offers two options for on-campus housing. The Med-Dent Apartments range from studio style to one-bedroom apartments. All apartments in this facility are furnished and include full kitchens. The Quad is an Affiliated Property apartment complex located in Downtown Louisville that offers studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom apartment options. Located close to the University of Louisville Hospital and the Health Sciences Campus. More information about these housing options and other Off-Campus Housing are located on the Housing Office website at <https://louisville.edu/housing/options/communities/HSC>.

Inquiries concerning university housing should be addressed to:

Campus Housing
 University of Louisville
 2301 South Third Street
 Louisville, KY 40292
 Phone: (502) 852-6636
 Web address: www.louisville.edu/housing/



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