

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

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**DESCRIPTION**

Pre-medical students normally apply to medical school in the summer of the year prior to actually matriculating. Our Post-bac Pre-med Program generally takes 1.5 to 2 years to complete. Our assured admission policy allows students in our program to apply for medical school following 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 and to immediately start medical school; eliminating an additional year (the glide year) of waiting for the admissions process to end.

Assured admission is optional. Our students may apply to other medical schools of interest and still also be considered for assured admission to U of L or they 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 and secondary application fees waived.

- Students may still be considered for assured admission if they choose to complete the program and then apply to medical school for the following year and take the glide year.
- For assured admission under this program, students must complete their post-bac pre-med requirements 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 Pre-med Program by August of the year **PRIOR TO** the year of applying to medical school.
  - (2) Completed  $\geq 24$  hours within the Post-bac Program by the end of the fall semester of the year prior to desired matriculation to medical school.
2. For desired assured admission status in August of a given year, the applicant must inform the Program Director of this intention and submit their AMCAS application by the AMCAS deadline, **November 1** of the prior year (i.e., early in second year of the program).

**Please note:** Students applying exclusively to U of L must inform the Program Director with their AAMC ID to receive clearance for their waived AMCAS fee. Once cleared, they may check Early Assurance on their AMCAS application and indicate ULSOM as their only school.

Applicants who apply as early assurance but, do not meet the assured admission's requirements (e.g., MCAT scores, etc.) will be deferred to the regular medical school applicant pool for consideration at U of L and can apply to other programs.

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).

## REQUIREMENTS

1. GPA
  - a. Must have completed  $\geq 24$  hours within UL Post-bac program and UL Post-bac GPA  $\geq 3.6$ .
  - b. Must have completed  $\geq 30$  hours within UL Post-bac program and UL Post-bac GPA  $\geq 3.5$ .
  - c. If UL Post-bac GPA does not meet these requirements then the applicant may go into the pool for regular admission consideration.

**Please note:** In accordance with AMCAS Instruction Manual, courses repeated at U of L will include averaging both grades in the cumulative GPA calculation (e.g., original grade and repeated grade). Grade forgiveness will not be recognized by the program. Grades below a C- in pre-med level courses are required to be repeated. A grade of C- doesn't require repeating.

## 2. MCAT

- a. The MCAT must be scheduled such that the score is available before the last Admissions Committee meeting in March of the year of desired matriculation.

A March MCAT will only be considered if there are extenuating circumstances, (e.g., testing site cancellation, unforeseen emergency, etc.). If the desired score is not received, the applicant will not be further considered and must withdraw their application for that cycle.

- b. The score requirement must meet or exceed a composite 503.
- c. The MCAT may be retaken a second time as long as Item 2.a. is fulfilled. However, the most recent score will then be the score that counts and must meet items 2.b. for an assured admission.
- d. 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.

Students who fail to meet the minimum MCAT required for assured admission have two options if they choose not to retake.

- Defer their application to the regular applicant pool for consideration, if it's prior to the final admission committee meeting for that cycle.
- Wish to be considered to interview for traditional admission. Students interested in this option must consult with the Program Director to discuss whether this approach may be right for them. The deadline to request a traditional admission interview under this option is November 1<sup>st</sup> annually, at which time the ULSOM secondary application must also be complete. The minimum MCAT for interview consideration is a 500 total score.

### **AMCAS WITHDRAWAL**

Should an assured admission/early assurance applicant withdraw their AMCAS application during the current application cycle and wish to retain their assured admission for the following application cycle; consideration will only be given according to the following guidelines:

- Must be currently enrolled in the program at the time of initial AMCAS submission
- December grades for assured admission consideration haven't posted
- First attempt for the MCAT hasn't been taken or was taken prior to January of the intended matriculation year.
- Program requirements met for graduation

If withdrawn applicant **does not** apply during the next application cycle, they will forfeit their assured admission consideration and must apply as a regular MD with the general applicant pool.

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