

## ADMISSION

It is the admission policy of Creighton University to admit qualified students within the limits of its resources and facilities. See also the University's Nondiscrimination Policy on page 16.

Students accepted by the Admissions Committee enter the School of Medicine only at the beginning of the school year for which they are accepted and registration is closed one week after instruction has started for the first semester.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Application is made through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). Applicants are required to file electronically on the Internet (<http://www.aamc.org>). Applications must be filed between June 1 and November 1 of the year preceding the year in which the applicant desires to enter. Early filing is advisable.

All of the AMCAS requirements for credentials and letters of support must be met and materials submitted to the Washington, D.C. office. The application will then be forwarded to the Creighton University School of Medicine. A supplemental application and fee is required upon request by the School of Medicine for filing and processing the application. This fee is not refundable.

All supplementary information requested to complete the AMCAS application must be received at the Creighton University School of Medicine Office of Medical Admissions by January 15.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The minimum educational requirements for admission to the School of Medicine are as follows:

1. Graduation from an accredited high school
2. Three years of study in an approved college. A minimum of 90 semester hours, exclusive of credit in military science, physical education, or similar courses, must be obtained before final acceptance may be given. All requirements should be completed by June 1 of the entrance year.

If other factors to be considered are equal, preference will be given to those applicants who have obtained a Bachelor's degree.

College studies prior to admission to the school of medicine should include subjects proper to a liberal education. They are usually best taken within the framework of a Bachelor's degree program. The following courses are required because they are considered essential for the successful pursuit of the medical curriculum:

#### Required Coursework

Biology (with lab) .....	8 sem.hrs.
Chemistry, Inorganic (or General) (with lab) .....	8 sem. hrs.
Chemistry, Organic (with lab) .....	8-10 sem. hrs.
English coursework with stress on composition.....	6 sem. hrs.
Physics (with lab) .....	8 sem. hrs.

#### Strongly Recommended Coursework

Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Anatomy, Physiology,  
Humanities [music, art, history, literature, foreign language(s)]

**Courses in Advanced Human Biology as well as others that require critical thinking, reading skill, and reading comprehension and composition are strongly recommended for any medical school applicant. Applicants are encouraged to acquire facility in speaking and writing the Spanish language.**

Applicants may pursue a baccalaureate program with a science major or with a major in any field of liberal arts, except military science. Such majors should be appropriate to their interest such as business, English, foreign language, history, literature, political science, psychology, or sociology. Up to 27 hours of credit earned under advanced placement, CLEP, and/or P/F status are acceptable.

### *Further Requirements and Selection of Applicants*

Applicants should take the Medical College Admission Test examination (MCAT) no later than September of the year preceding their entry into medical school. Spring examinations are advised. Required courses should be completed prior to sitting for the MCAT. August and September test results can be used in the evaluation of applicants who are not applying under the Early Decision (ED) program. MCAT scores received from examinations taken more than three years before matriculation will not be considered.

An evaluation by the Premedical Committee of the applicant's college academic record is required, if available. If the applicant's college does not have such a committee, the applicant is asked to submit three letters of recommendation. The letters should be submitted to the AMCAS letter service in Washington D.C. The letters should be submitted by the official premedical adviser, and by two faculty members (one science and one non-science) selected by the candidate. Applicants who do not have a premedical advisor are asked to submit three letters of recommendation from faculty members (two science and one non-science) using the AMCAS letters portal.

The school requires a formal interview of every applicant selected before it finalizes the acceptance. The interview will be held on the university campus.

Applicants must be able to perform the physical, intellectual, and communicational functions necessary for the study and practice of medicine. Please consult the School of Medicine's Student Handbook for details on Technical Standards. Before matriculation, accepted applicants are required to submit to the Student Health Service a Confidential Health Report and must have all required immunizations. Accepted applicants will also be subject to a criminal background check, and be tested for illicit drug use.

Fulfillment of the specific requirements does not insure admission to the School of Medicine. The Committee on Admissions will select those applicants whom they judge to be the best qualified for the study and practice of medicine. In evaluating the applicants, consideration will be given to all of the qualities considered to be necessary in a physician: Intellectual curiosity, emotional maturity, honesty, and proper motivation, and proven scholastic ability. The Committee on Admissions also highly values evidence of humanitarian actions, volunteerism in the service of others, and leadership skills. Extracurricular shadowing of physicians and/or work or volunteer experience related to the delivery of health care, as well as scientific research are also highly valued by the Committee on Medical Admissions.

### *Acceptance Procedures—Reservation and Deposit*

Each applicant will be informed in writing by the Director of Admissions of the School of Medicine of the outcome of his or her application.

Within 14 days following the date of an acceptance into the Freshman class, the applicant must submit a written reply to the Director of Admissions.

This written reply may be either a:

1. Formal reservation of the place offered by paying the \$100 enrollment reservation deposit. (Such deposit will be refunded upon request made prior to May 15.)
2. Refusal of the place offered and withdrawal of application.

Enrollment deposits are refundable up to May 15 of the matriculation year. Enrollment deposits will be credited to the student's first semester's tuition.

### *ADVANCED STANDING*

Admission with advanced standing into the second or third year will be considered for qualified applicants whenever places are available in these classes. The number of such places will be determined by the total facilities of the School for accommodating students in each class and by overall student attrition during any given year.

When openings are available, advanced standing admission is restricted to those applicants who have either:

1. A Creighton University affiliation (e.g., prior matriculation in a Creighton professional school/college, alumni relationship/interest).
2. A compelling reason to seek admission to Creighton (e.g., transfer of spouse to Omaha, proximity to immediate family).

**If you do not meet either of the two criteria described above, you will not be eligible for admission with advanced standing.**

Additional information and applications for advanced standing may be obtained by referring to the Creighton University School of Medicine website <http://medicine.creighton.edu>.

### *REGISTRATION*

Registration for the School of Medicine must be completed on the days designated by the office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for each semester.

### *ORIENTATION*

All students entering the first year of medical school are required to participate in an orientation session prior to the first day of classes. Orientation includes information and programs on a variety of topics including the curriculum, policies of the medical school, student life, wellness, and an introduction to small-group learning. Students are also expected to register during this time. Orientation is highlighted by the White Coat Ceremony and the Creighton Medical School Government picnic.

### *STUDENT EMPLOYMENT*

The curriculum of the School of Medicine requires the full time and energy of all medical students. Since it is believed that outside work greatly interferes with medical education, such work is not generally approved. Summer employment is permitted following the Freshman year.