

PRE-MEDICAL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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The minimum educational requirement for admission to medical school is the completion of a bachelor's degree and all course requirements. Students pursuing admission to medical school can major in any undergraduate discipline.

The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) will assess an applicant's knowledge in several areas, including but not limited to the subjects of one-year courses with laboratory in general biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and general physics. College studies prior to matriculation in medical school should also include subjects appropriate to a liberal arts education.

Prerequisites vary among medical schools. Students should consult with a pre-health advisor in planning their course of study.

The minimum requirements for Creighton University's School of Medicine are as follows:

Educational Requirements

All course requirements need to be completed by June 1 of the matriculating year. In addition, all course requirements must be completed at an accredited college or university located within the United States or Canada.

Required Courses

Creighton University School of Medicine has no defined prerequisite course requirements. However, as preparatory to the MCAT and a rigorous medical school curriculum, they recommend the following recent (past 3 years) coursework in an accredited 4-year college/university in the United States or Canada: Strong background in biology including introductory and advanced courses, e.g., physiology, immunology, and genetics. Strong background in chemistry including introductory and advanced courses, e.g., biochemistry. Additionally, coursework in English, humanities and statistics is strongly recommended. Minimum total coursework credits in biology, chemistry, physics, and math should be 40-45 hours.

Recommended Courses

Preference for admission will be given to applicants who complete at least one advanced science course, in addition to the required coursework, that builds a foundation within human or molecular-cellular biology.

Extracurricular Requirements

The Committee on Admissions of Creighton University's School of Medicine, like most other medical schools, requires applicants to have a foundation in the following activities:

- Commitment to service of others through both medical and non-medical volunteer activities
- Physician shadowing experiences
- Patient contact through clinical and/or medical experiences

Scientific research, though not required for admission to Creighton University's School of Medicine, is also highly valued by the Committee on Admissions.