

## Worksheet for Premeds at Xavier University of Louisiana

# Selecting/Paying for Medical, Dental, etc. Schools

**To be completed by Freshmen and turned in before leaving the workshop in the Spring.**

1.) When do XU's Premedical Advisers suggest that XU students apply to medical, dental, etc. school (REVIEW question)?

2.) Most medical and dental schools in the U.S. do NOT accept applications directly from students. Instead, they require that you first apply through a central application service. Review the table below and place a √ next to the type of school(s) to which you plan on applying to:

Type of School	Central Application Service (if any)	Will apply??
<b>Medical School (M.D.)</b>	American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS)	
<b>Most Medical and Dental Schools in TEXAS</b>	Texas Medical and Dental School Application Service (TMDSAS)	
<b>Osteopathic Medical School (D.O.)</b>	American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS)	
<b>Dental School</b>	Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS)	
<b>Veterinary School</b>	Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS)	
<b>Optometry School</b>	Optometry Centralized Application Service (OptomCAS)	
<b>Podiatry School</b>	American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS)	
<b>Public Health</b>	Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS)	

**Refer to the "Selecting the Schools to Which You Apply" document to answer the following:**

3.) How many schools do XU's Premedical Advisers recommend that students interested in applying to medical (M.D. or D.O.) school apply to?

4.) How many schools do XU's Premedical Advisers recommend that students interested in applying to other health professions (e.g. dentistry, podiatry, etc.) apply to?

5.) What is the name of the book published by the AAMC that contains information about the requirements for entry into U.S. medical schools?

6.) What is the name of the book published by the ADEA that contains information about the requirements for entry into U.S. dental schools?

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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7.) List the **THREE** main factors that an XU student should consider when deciding which health professions schools he/she should apply.

- a.)
- b.)
- c.)

8.) There are **FOUR** broad categories of types of schools that students consider applying to: public schools in your home state; public schools in other states; private schools, and “big name” schools. If a student attends a “big name” school, does this mean that he/she is receiving a better education than a student attending a public school? Why?

9.) Refer to the schools taken from the AAMC’s MSAR\* book and the ADEA’s Official Guide to Dental Schools\* for the following questions. Choose one medical school and one dental school to complete the following table.

	Name of School	Accepts out-of-state applicants?	Tuition/year for in-state <u>and</u> out-of state residents?	Pre-Professional Summer Program?	Participates in Application Service?
<b>MEDICAL (M.D.)</b>					
<b>DENTAL (D.D.S)</b>					

10.) For each school listed in the AAMC’s MSAR book, there are **EIGHT (8)** tables of important information for prospective applicants. List the **TITLE** of each table.

- 1.)
- 2.)
- 3.)
- 4.)
- 5.)
- 6.)
- 7.)
- 8.)

**\*Copies of these publications are available for your review in the Premedical Office.**

Links to specific schools may be found at [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org) (M.D.); [www.aacom.org](http://www.aacom.org) (D.O.); [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org) (D.S.); [www.opted.org](http://www.opted.org) (Optometry); [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org) (Vet Med); [www.aacpm.org](http://www.aacpm.org) (Podiatry); and [www.chiro.org](http://www.chiro.org) (Chiropractic)

11.) Medical/Dental schools often report scores of accepted students in terms of “percentile range” instead of reporting the highest-lowest scores.

a) What is the definition of the statistical term *percentile*?

b) What is meant by “percentile range” in terms of MCAT scores as reported in the MSAR?

**Refer to the “Paying for Medical/Dental School” document to answer the following:**

12.) Although medical, dental, etc. school education is expensive (FYI, students cannot work AND attend medical, dental, etc. school), the Premedical Office encourages students NOT to let cost influence which school they decide to enroll in. Why is this the case?

13.) What resources does the Premedical Office encourage students to explore in order to help finance their medical, dental, etc. school education?

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