



XAVIER
UNIVERSITY of LOUISIANA

Premedical Office

Xavier–Baylor College of Medicine BS/MD Program

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The [BS/MD Program](#) allows qualified Xavier students to participate in a collaborative Medical Track Program, including a mandatory summer program between sophomore and junior years, which facilitates assured acceptance into Baylor College of Medicine (BCM). *Starting with the class entering medical school in 2025, BS/MD applicants will have to complete a special campus selection process (outlined during the BS/MD interview) to determine if they will be placed at the Temple, TX or Houston, TX campus of Baylor College of Medicine.* The BS/MD program does NOT accelerate the timeline to medical school, and participants are required to take the MCAT between junior and senior years. This program requires endorsement by the Premedical Office for consideration by the BCM BS/MD admissions committee.

What are the qualifications to apply to the program? By the time applications are due on December 1st (fall semester of sophomore year at Xavier), applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be an American citizen or permanent US resident alien.
- Entered Xavier as a first-time freshman and major in an academic discipline within the [College of Arts and Sciences](#).
- Be on track to graduate with a bachelor's degree from XU in the spring of senior year and to enter medical school that same year (must complete all 8 semesters at XU; early degree completion or deferred enrollment **not** allowed).
- Completed at least 30 semester hours of courses in the first year **at Xavier** (no more than 3 semester hours of AP credit can be counted towards this requirement); first year = summer (if applicable), fall, and spring of freshman year.
- Completed or be in enrolled in the following courses: Two semesters of General Chemistry lecture and lab; at least one semester of Organic Chemistry lecture and lab; at least one semester of General Biology lecture and lab; at least one semester of college-level mathematics; and at least one semester of English.
- Earned cumulative overall and BCPM GPAs at Xavier of 3.5 or higher.
- Taken the ACT or SAT (no minimum score required).
- Demonstrated a genuine interest in becoming a physician by gaining relevant experience in a patient-care setting (e.g. volunteering, paid employment, internship, shadowing, etc.) and/or participating in a premed summer enrichment or research program.
- Demonstrated a genuine interest in medicine as indicated by participation in the group and individual meetings conducted by the Premedical Office for freshman and sophomore students, including submission of personal statement and post-secondary experiences form to the Premed Office for review throughout enrollment.
- Demonstrated a genuine interest in attending Baylor College of Medicine as indicated by meeting the above-mentioned requirements and participating in any information or recruitment sessions offered to Xavier students by Baylor College of Medicine.
- *NOTE: If you have questions or concerns about any of the above-mentioned requirements that must be met by the end of the fall semester of sophomore year, please contact the Premedical Office no later than the summer between freshman and sophomore years.*

How does an XU student apply for the program? Students interested in the program and who meet the qualifications listed above must do the following **EARLY IN THE SOPHOMORE YEAR**:

- Submit Personal Statement, Post-Secondary Experience (PSE) Form, and BS/MD Application Essay Prompt Responses to the Premed Office for review **at least once** between May 15th after freshman year and November 1st of sophomore year (submission of subsequent revisions is highly recommended). Detailed application instructions are discussed during

Freshman Premed Biomedical Honor Corps Meetings, the One-on-One Freshman Premed Assessment Meeting in the spring of freshman year, the Sophomore Premed Overview Meeting in the fall of sophomore year, and in multiple email messages sent during the freshman and sophomore years.

- The BS/MD application instructions and PSE Form are available in the Premedical Office's XULA Portal at <https://my.xula.edu/groups/34/feed> under "Resources/Forms".
- Collect letters of evaluation specific to medical school from three (3) faculty members (2 BCPM, 1 non-BCPM) and request to have them submitted to the Premedical Office EARLY (by November 15th); be sure to follow-up with the individuals who agreed to write medical school evaluations on your behalf.
- The BS/MD application is **due in the Premedical Office by December 1st**. The application consists of four (4) parts: online application, critiqued/revised PS, critiqued/revised PSE Form, and Auto-Calculation GPA Worksheet in Excel. Your official ACT/SAT score report, official transcripts from other colleges attended, and letters of evaluation are also due in the Premed Office by December 1st.
- NOTE: Official transcripts from colleges and universities attended OTHER THAN XU should be sent ELECTRONICALLY to Ms. Quo Vadis Webster VIA EMAIL at qmwebste@xula.edu. Your unofficial Xavier transcript will automatically be accessed by Premedical Office staff, and therefore, you do NOT need to submit an official XU transcript as a part of the BS/MD application process. You may, however, be required to submit your official Xavier transcript to BCM later on.

What happens to applications after they are submitted to the Premed Office? Following the December 1st application deadline, the Premed Office will review applications and supporting materials and choose qualified students to present to the BS/MD admissions committee at Baylor College of Medicine for consideration. Final endorsement review by the Premed Office will take place once final XU grades for the fall of sophomore year are posted and GPAs are calculated by Premed Office staff.

What do students do after they are nominated by the Premed Office for the program (if applicable)? Application materials for students who are nominated/endorsed by the Premed Office will be forwarded to the BS/MD admissions committee at Baylor College of Medicine by mid-December for consideration. Selected students will be invited for an interview with Baylor College of Medicine in the spring of sophomore year. Up to three (3) qualified Xavier students may be selected for acceptance into the program by the admissions committee at Baylor College of Medicine. *NOTE: Starting with the class entering medical school in 2025, BS/MD applicants will have to complete a special campus selection process (outlined during the BS/MD interview) to determine if they will be placed at the Temple, TX or Houston, TX campus of Baylor College of Medicine.*

What do students do after acceptance into the program? Acceptance notifications will be made in the spring of sophomore year, following the interview. Accepted students are expected to complete the requirements for degree completion at Xavier within four (4) consecutive years and follow the policies outlined in the acceptance letter which include, but are NOT limited to, the following:

- Successfully complete the summer internship after sophomore year of undergraduate study and receive satisfactory evaluations from faculty overseeing summer internships at BCM.
- Student remains in good academic standing throughout enrollment at Xavier and maintains semester **and** cumulative overall **and** BCPM GPAs of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than "C" in any course required for admission to Baylor College of Medicine.
- Student remains in good disciplinary standing at Xavier.
- Meet with staff in XU's Premedical Office at least once per month during the academic year.
- Take the MCAT by the deadline specified in the acceptance letter and earn a minimum MCAT composite score of 508 with no section score less than 124 (MCAT minimums updated as of 7/10/23). If the student does not obtain the minimum composite score on the 1st attempt, he/she may retake the MCAT by August/September.
- Submit primary application (AMCAS) and BCM's secondary application by November 1st prior to medical school matriculation. *NOTE: Students are allowed to apply to other medical schools while still being considered for admission into Baylor College of Medicine via BS/MD.*

If all of the requirements, as carefully detailed in the BS/MD acceptance letter, are satisfied, the student will be offered a position in the fall class of BCM following graduation from Xavier. If the offer of admission is accepted, the student may be required to participate in a pre-matriculation program the summer prior to matriculation at BCM.