



## Xavier–Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth Early Assurance Program

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This sophomore-year program, which offers conditional early acceptance into medical school, requires endorsement by the Premedical Office. Students who are conditionally accepted into Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth through this program are required to take the MCAT and must complete their XU degree programs. In order to be reviewed for endorsement by the Premedical Office, students must be on track to meet eligibility requirements by the end of the spring semester of sophomore year and must adhere to the critique/revision timeline detailed below.

**What are the qualifications to apply to the program?** By the time they are nominated in May, following the completion of the spring semester of sophomore year at Xavier, students must have...

- Entered Xavier as a first-time freshman and major in an academic discipline within the [College of Arts and Sciences](#).
- Prepared to graduate with a bachelor's degree from XU in the spring of senior year (i.e. two academic years after applying to this program) and to enter medical school that same year (must complete all 8 semesters at XU; early degree completion **not** allowed).
- Completed at least 60 semester hours of courses **at Xavier**.
- Completed the following courses: General Biology (1230/1230LB and 1240/1240LB), General Chemistry (1010/1010DR/1011LB and 1020/1020DR/1021LB), Organic Chemistry (2210/2210DR/2230LB and 2220/2220DR/2240LB), Two semesters of Mathematics (e.g. 1020, 1030, and 1070; bypassed "PC" or AP/transfer credit accepted), and Two semesters of English (e.g. 1000/1010 and 1020; bypassed "PC" or AP/transfer credit accepted).
- Earned a cumulative overall GPA at Xavier of 3.5 or higher and a cumulative math/science (BCPM) GPA at Xavier of 3.5 or higher.
- 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 Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth as indicated by meeting the above-mentioned requirements and participating in any information or recruitment sessions offered to Xavier students by Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.
- *NOTE: If you have questions or concerns about any of the above-mentioned requirements that must be met by the end of the spring semester of sophomore year, please contact the Premedical Office no later than the fall semester of sophomore year.*

**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 during their SOPHOMORE year:

- Submit Personal Statement, Post-Secondary Experience (PSE) Form, and EAP Application Essay Prompt Response(s) to the Premed Office for review **at least once** during the specified period between May 15<sup>th</sup> after freshman year and February 1<sup>st</sup> of sophomore year, revising accordingly after receiving feedback (multiple submissions highly

recommended well in advance of final application due date). Detailed EAP 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. If you do not adhere to the critique timeline for EAP, your application will not be accepted for consideration. These items will be used to determine your suitability to be reviewed by medical school early acceptance program admission committees, so they need to be in the best shape possible;

- Detailed EAP application instructions, PSE Form, and Auto-Calculation GPA Worksheet in Excel 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 by April 15th; be sure to follow-up with faculty who agreed to write medical school evaluations on your behalf; and
- The medical school early acceptance program application is **due in the Premedical Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. When submitting your early acceptance application to the Premedical Office, include ALL required sections of the application: Application Forms, Auto-Calculation GPA Worksheet in Excel (with final grades for the spring semester), Personal Statement, and PSE Form. Official transcript(s) from each college or university attended, including Xavier, and required letters of evaluation are also due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**What happens to applications after they are submitted to the Premed Office?** After the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, the Premed Office will review all applications and then choose qualified students to submit the Dartmouth-specific online application directly to the Early Assurance Program for consideration. It is IMPERATIVE that the email address you check DAILY is on file in the Premed Office since EAP online application instructions will be forwarded by the Premed Office to selected students by email.

**What do students do after they are nominated for the program?** Nominees will be reviewed by Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth after the completion of Dartmouth's special online application and the receipt of supplemental application materials from the Premed Office. In the August or September of junior year, select students will be granted interviews on XU's campus with a representative from the medical school and separate virtual interviews (e.g. Skype, Zoom) with an admissions committee member from the medical school. Applicants who complete these interviews will then be reviewed by the Geisel Admissions Committee and the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement and will be notified of the committee's decision regarding conditional acceptance no later than October 15<sup>th</sup> of the junior year.

**What do students do after acceptance into the program?** Students who are offered conditional acceptance must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) the summer between junior and senior years AND obtain minimum composite and section scores in order to gain full acceptance into Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth via the Early Assurance Program. Conditionally accepted students will be permitted to retake the MCAT during that year's application cycle if EAP minimums are NOT met on the first MCAT attempt; conditionally accepted students in this situation will be permitted to apply to other medical schools while awaiting new MCAT scores and still retain their conditional acceptance status with Dartmouth. Conditionally accepted students must complete a confirmatory visit in September of senior year at Dartmouth, after which time, final acceptance decisions will be made. If the student receives an acceptance offer from Dartmouth via EAP and wishes to accept the offer, he/she must withdraw applications submitted to any other medical schools (if applicable). If a conditionally accepted or accepted student does not meet the conditions outlined in the respective offer letters, Geisel reserves the right to reconsider acceptance.

Accepted students must complete their junior and senior years at Xavier while performing at an academic level comparable to that required to apply to the early assurance program, complete/submit the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application in July before their senior year, complete Geisel's secondary application by September 30th, and follow all instructions outlined in the acceptance materials.