



Xavier–LSU New Orleans Medical School Early Acceptance 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 LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine 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.
- 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 (at least one statistics course is required; 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 BCPM (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math) GPA at Xavier of 3.6 or higher.
- Be a U.S. citizen or Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Demonstrated record of community service and outstanding personal qualities.
- 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 LSUHSC-NO School of Medicine as indicated by meeting the above-mentioned requirements and participating in any information or recruitment sessions offered to Xavier students by the medical school.
- *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 15th after freshman year and February 1st 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 15th**. 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 15th.

What happens to applications after they are submitted to the PM Office? After the May 15th deadline, the Premed Office will review all applications and supporting materials and then choose students to nominate for the program. XU's Director of Premedical Program will notify students of the status of their applications, via email, no later than the end of May. The Premed Office will forward applications and supporting materials of nominated students to LSU New Orleans.

What do students do after they are nominated for the program? Nominees will be reviewed by LSU New Orleans Medical School in the fall of Junior year and will receive official notice from LSU once a decision is made. Students will be interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee, and students are granted early official early conditional acceptance into LSU New Orleans Medical School after being voted on by the committee.

What do students do after acceptance into the program? Students who are offered conditional acceptance into LSU New Orleans Medical School must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) when specified in the acceptance letter during the summer between Junior and Senior years. A minimum composite score of 501 is required, and students must maintain a BCPM GPA of 3.6 or higher to qualify for acceptance into LSU New Orleans Medical School via the Early Acceptance Program. Students who do not satisfy the minimum MCAT score on the first attempt may retake the exam by September of Senior year. In addition, students must complete their Junior and Senior years at Xavier, complete/submit the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application by July of their Senior year, and complete the LSU New Orleans Medical School secondary applications, per the instructions given in the conditional acceptance letter.

Acceptance into LSU New Orleans Medical School is contingent upon the nominated student meeting the minimum MCAT scores and other requirements outlined in the conditional acceptance letter. **NOTE: Students are permitted to apply to other medical schools and are not required to attend LSU New Orleans Medical School if they are admitted upon satisfying the requirements outlined in the conditional acceptance letter.**

Are scholarships available for conditionally accepted students? Louisiana residents who commit to attend LSUHSC-NO SOM at the time of conditional acceptance will receive a **conditional full four-year scholarship**. To maintain eligibility for this scholarship, conditionally accepted students must maintain a BCPM GPA of 3.7 or above, achieve an MCAT score in the 60th percentile and apply to LSUHSC-NO SOM as an **early decision program (EDP)** applicant. Eligibility for the full four-year scholarship will be forfeited if the applicant applies to other medical schools.

Conditionally accepted students, **regardless of residency status**, who maintain a BCPM GPA of 3.6 or above and achieve a minimum MCAT score of 501 may apply for other available scholarships.

Are there enrichment opportunities available for students before or after conditional early acceptance is granted? LSUHSC-NO SOM offers a variety of opportunities that students are encouraged to take advantage before/after conditional acceptance. Examples include but are not limited to: Summer research programs, physician shadowing, mentorship, information sessions, and engagement with the Student National Medical Association ("SNMA"). Available opportunities will be shared with the Premedical Office in advance of application or event deadlines, and this information will be forwarded to students via the Premedical Office's advising listserv.