



## Xavier–Mayo Clinic Medical School Early Assurance Program

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The Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine seeks to extend MD program admission to two (2) students each year from Xavier through the Xavier-Mayo Alliance, an early assurance program. Students accepted into the Alliance will participate in an 8-week summer experience between sophomore and junior years at a Mayo Clinic destination site (Rochester, MN; Jacksonville, FL; or Phoenix/Scottsdale, AZ). Upon completion of the Alliance requirements, participants are guaranteed admission into to Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine, with the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) being WAIVED. This program requires nomination by the Premedical Office for consideration by the Alliance admissions committee at the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine.

**What are the qualifications to apply to the program?** By the time nomination applications are due on January 15th (i.e. in the spring semester of sophomore year at Xavier), applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Satisfy citizenship requirements detailed by Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine [here](#).
- 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 **not** allowed).
- Successfully completed three (3) semesters of a roster of rigorous science/math courses at Xavier, which at minimum, includes the following: 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; and at least one semester of college-level mathematics.
- Earned cumulative overall and BCPM GPAs at Xavier of 3.6 or higher.
- Earned a minimum composite score of 28 on the ACT or 1300 on the SAT. Alternately, satisfy one of the ACT/SAT and Weighted High School GPA Combinations below:

ACT or SAT	WEIGHTED HS GPA
27 or 1280-1250	3.7 – 3.79
26 or 1240-1220	3.8-3.89
25 or 1210-1190	3.9-3.95
24 or 1180	3.96 and ↑

*If you are interested in and eligible for this opportunity but did NOT take the ACT or SAT, please contact the Premed Office at [supremed@yahoo.com](mailto:supremed@yahoo.com) to discuss a potential alternate option for review.*

- Demonstrated leadership, strong qualities of character, and a clear and consistent motivation for medicine (supported by strong letters of evaluation).
- 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 Mayo Clinic Alix 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 School of Medicine.
- *NOTE: If you have questions or concerns about any of the above-mentioned requirements that must be met at the start of the spring 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 program nomination?** Students interested in the program and who meet the qualifications listed above must do the following EARLY IN THE FALL OF SOPHOMORE YEAR:

- Submit Personal Statement, Post-Secondary Experience (PSE) Form, and EAP Application Essay Prompt Response to the Premed Office for review **at least once** between May 15th after freshman year and December 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.
- 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) who taught you and request to have them submitted to the Premedical Office EARLY (by January 1<sup>st</sup>); be sure to follow-up with the individuals who agreed to write medical school evaluations on your behalf.
- The medical school early assurance application is **due in the Premedical Office by January 15<sup>th</sup>**. When submitting your early assurance application to the Premedical Office, include ALL required sections: : online application, critiqued/revised PS and PSE Form, and Auto-Calculation GPA Worksheet in Excel (with final grades for the fall semester). Your official ACT/SAT score report, high school transcript (if applicable), official transcripts from other colleges attended, and three (3) letters of evaluation will also be accepted through January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 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](mailto: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 application process. You may, however, be required to submit your official Xavier transcript to Mayo Clinic School of Medicine later on.

**What happens to applications after they are submitted to the Premed Office?** Following the January 15<sup>th</sup> application deadline, the Premed Office will review applications, supporting materials, and engagement in Premedical Office advising activities since freshman year and choose up to five (5) qualified students to present to the Alliance admissions committee at Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine for consideration.

**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 Alliance admissions committee at Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine by early February for consideration. Selected students will be invited for an interview with Alliance administrators in the spring of sophomore year. Two (2) qualified Xavier students will be selected for acceptance into the program by the admissions committee at the School 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 spend the summer between sophomore and junior years on one of the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine Campuses doing mentored research and participating in enrichment experiences. A second research experience between junior and senior years is optional. Accepted students are expected to satisfy 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:

1. *Summer requirement:* Students participating in the Alliance are required to spend one (1) summer (summer after sophomore year; there is an optional second summer experience between junior year and senior year) on one of the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine campuses doing mentored research and participating in enrichment experiences. Enrichment experiences may also include shadowing of clinicians, didactic presentations on medical topics and issues, physicians sharing their career narratives, and visits to medical student-led community clinics. Specific summer opportunities will be made available to accepted candidates at the time of the offer of Alliance admission.

2. *Financial Support:* During the tuition-free summer program, students will receive a \$6,000 stipend from Mayo Clinic to support living expenses.
3. *Housing:* Mayo Clinic destination sites do not own and operate housing. Students are responsible for arranging their own housing for the summer program. All three Mayo Clinic destination sites have a variety of nearby housing options. Mayo Clinic summer program staff are available to assist with recommendations and the securing of summer housing.
4. *Second Summer:* A second summer experience of similar duration and design, though not required, will also be available to Alliance participants who complete the required summer experience between the Sophomore and Junior years. This second summer experience is optional to allow participating students to (a) pursue other opportunities that may also contribute to their subsequent enrollment in medical school or (b) to attend to other obligations or personal needs during the second summer. Students who choose to participate in a second summer with the Alliance will have options ranging from short duration programs (one to two weeks) to a second summer of 8 weeks. Financial support may be available depending on the specific situation. Some virtual options may also be available.
5. *Transcripts:* Upon the completion of each academic semester beginning with the Spring Semester of the Sophomore year, unofficial transcripts of accepted Early Assurance Program (EAP) students may be requested by MCASOM. This request shall be made to the Director of the Premedical Office at Xavier.
6. *Xavier Advising:* Consistent with academic advising expectations of Xavier University, by the midpoint of each semester, Alliance students will schedule an appointment with the Premedical Office to review progress for the semester, address any concerns, and continue to plan for their future.
7. *Continuing Obligations:* Participation in the Alliance is conditioned on accurate representation and sharing of all relevant, material information in the application process; continued good standing with Xavier (academic and non-academic); satisfactory performance in the Alliance summer programs; and engagement and behavior that is consistent with Xavier and MCASOM's behavioral standards for students.

**What are the conditions for linkage admission into the medical school?** Key requirements of medical school admission through the Alliance:

1. Students who successfully complete the required summer experience will be eligible to seek admission to Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine (MCASOM) without taking the MCAT if they:
  - a. are strongly recommended by their summer Research Mentor
  - b. are strongly endorsed by the Xavier Premedical Office
  - c. are deemed to be students with a likelihood for success at MCASOM based on assessments by the MCASOM Senior Associate Dean for Admissions, the Associate Dean for Admissions representing the MCASOM campus the candidate is interested in attending, and the MCGSBS Associate Dean of Student Affairs
  - d. at the time of application for MCASOM admission, possess science and cumulative GPAs of 3.6 or higher
  - e. certify they have not taken the MCAT and will not take the MCAT<sup>1</sup>
  - f. have continued to demonstrate leadership and strong qualities of character at Xavier as judged by the Premedical Office
2. Will graduate in the spring of the Senior year, immediately prior to matriculating to MCASOM
3. Meet all other requirements for admission to MCASOM including submission of an application through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) in the cycle they plan to matriculate.

Students who gain admission to MCASOM through the Alliance and successfully enroll in the MD program will receive a minimum scholarship equal to the average scholarship for MCASOM students (the average scholarship is historically approximately two-thirds of tuition). Additional scholarship support is often available after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and any other MCASOM required financial aid application materials.

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<sup>1</sup> *Students who have taken (or plan to take) the MCAT will not be considered for admission under the Alliance. If the MCAT has or will be taken, Xavier students are encouraged to apply through the regular admissions process. Xavier students who apply through the regular admissions process, while not guaranteed admission, will be guaranteed an interview if minimum MCASOM admission MCAT requirements are attained and the candidate is recommended for consideration by the Xavier Premedical Office.*