



XAVIER
UNIVERSITY of LOUISIANA

Premedical Office

Xavier–Michigan State U College of Human Medicine Mission SMART Initiative

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Eligible students at Xavier University of Louisiana may apply for early acceptance via Michigan State College of Human Medicine CHM Mission (SpartanMD Acceptance Realization Track) Initiative in the spring of junior year OR the spring of senior year. MSU encourages Xavier students who wish to learn more about Mission SMART to contact Molly Monet (monetmol@msu.edu) or Kara Zeiter (zeiterka@msu.edu). *Be advised that applicants CANNOT have a current or past application submitted to AMCAS or AACOMAS **and** CANNOT have graduated from XU at the time of Mission SMART application submission.*

What are the qualifications to apply to the program? By the time the application is due in early February of the 3rd (JR) or 4th (SR) year at Xavier, applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. or Canadian citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Completed at least forty-five (45) semester hours at Xavier.
- Earned both cumulative BCPM and overall GPAs of 3.0 or higher at Xavier.
- Completed or be currently enrolled in the following courses (must earn a final grade of “C” or better):
 - General Biology with lab (1 year)
 - An upper-level biology course (3000 level or higher)
 - General Chemistry with lab (1 year)
 - Organic Chemistry with lab (1 year)
 - General Physics with lab (1 year)
 - College Algebra or Statistics (1 semester)
 - Biochemistry (1 semester)
 - Social science coursework: Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology (1 semester)
- Graduating Seniors: Be advised that program applicants CANNOT have a current or past application submitted to AMCAS or AACOMAS **and** CANNOT have graduated from XU at the time of Mission SMART application submission. You will be required to...
 - Submit an email verifying that you do not intend to apply or have not already apply via AMCAS or AACOMAS for a past or current cycle (Premed Office must also verify this)
 - Be enrolled at Xavier the entire academic year (both fall and spring of senior year)
- Expressed a genuine interest in ***serving medically underserved populations and communities***, particularly in ***high-need specialty areas*** (i.e. family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology).
- 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.). **COMPETITIVE APPLICANTS WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CLINICAL/PATIENT-CARE HOURS.**
- Demonstrated a genuine interest in serving the needs of the community as evidenced by your commitment to community service experiences since graduating from high school. **COMPETITIVE APPLICANTS WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS.**
- Demonstrated a genuine interest in medicine as indicated by participation in the group and individual meetings conducted by the Premedical Office throughout enrollment, including submission of personal statement and post-secondary experiences form to the Premed Office for review on a consistent basis.

- Demonstrated a genuine interest in attending Michigan State University College of Human Medicine as indicated by meeting the above-mentioned requirements and attending any on-campus or virtual information or recruitment sessions conducted by MSU.
- *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 junior or senior year (unless stated otherwise) please contact the Premedical Office before the start of the fall semesters of junior or senior year.*

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

- Submit Personal Statement (PS), Post-Secondary Experience (PSE) Form, and two (2) nomination/endorsement essays to the Premed Office for review **at least once between May 15th and November 1st of junior or senior year** (submission of subsequent revisions is highly recommended). NOTE: There will **LIKELY** be **SEVERAL** additional essays that are required once you have access to the online MSU application. Although you are not required to submit these additional essays to the Premed Office for review as is the case for your PS, PSE Form, and 2 Nomination/Endorsement Essays indicated above, you are welcome to do so (as long as you do so well in advance of the application deadline). Application instructions are discussed during premed meetings, starting freshman year, and in multiple email messages sent throughout enrollment at Xavier.
- Collect at 3-5 "medical school" letters of evaluation/recommendation: at least one must be from a faculty member who taught you a BCPM course and at least one must be from a health professional who has observed you in a clinical setting.
- Have official transcripts from all colleges attended sent electronically from the school(s) to the Premed Office.
- The MSU Mission SMART Initiative online application via the CHM Applicant Portal is **usually due late January (exact deadline TBD by MSU)**. To proceed with completing the application, you must 1) satisfy the program and Premed Office's critique requirements and 2) send an email to xupremed@yahoo.com to request the link after satisfying the aforementioned requirements.

What happens to applications after they are submitted to MSU? The Michigan State University College of Human Medicine will review Mission SMART Initiative application materials for Xavier students who are **endorsed** by the Premedical Office and will invite selected applicants to interview **VIRTUALLY** on a dedicated early application day (**interviews are usually held in March**). The day features detailed programming about CHM, along with two interview experiences: a 30-minute 2:1 panel interview with a CHM faculty/staff member and a 30-minute interview with a CHM medical student. If you are NOT endorsed by the Premedical Office, you will NOT be considered for the interview.

What do students do after conditional acceptance into the program? A condition of this acceptance is to maintain specific GPA minimums AND earn an MCAT composite score of at least 500 (with sub-section scores of 125 or above). Applicants accepted to the program must decide to either accept or decline the offer by the deadline indicated in the acceptance notification. By accepting an offer, applicants commit to matriculation at CHM and cannot apply to other AMCAS-participating schools. Accepted applicants will begin an active relationship with the college during their senior year. Unsuccessful applicants to the Mission SMART Initiative can begin the regular **AMCAS application** process without delay.

Accepted Mission SMART Initiative students can select their ECE/MCE campus (East Lansing or Grand Rapids), engage in research, seek dual degrees, and/or defer matriculation for one year if they wish. Since acceptance to medical school has already been secured, Mission SMART students are able to spend their senior undergraduate year conducting research, participating in