



**XAVIER**  
UNIVERSITY of LOUISIANA

Premedical Office

## Xavier–Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine 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 Penn State University Medical School 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** (transfer credits NOT included).
- 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.
- 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 Penn State College of Medicine as indicated by meeting the above-mentioned requirements and participating in any information or recruitment sessions offered to Xavier students by Penn State College of Medicine.
- Be a U.S. citizen or hold permanent resident status.
- *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 two (2) times during the specified time period between August and March of sophomore year, revising accordingly after EACH critique. 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;

- The EAP application, PSE Form, and XU 4-Year Coursework Plan are available in the Premedical Office's XULA Portal at <https://my.xula.edu/premed/Pages/default.aspx> under "Important Documents/Document Type: 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;
- The medical school early acceptance program application(s) are **due in the Premedical Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>**. When submitting your early acceptance application to the Premedical Office, include ALL required sections of the application: Application Form, XU 4-Year Coursework Plan (without final grades for the spring semester), Personal Statement, and PSE Form. *Although your early acceptance application is due in the Premedical Office by April 1st, the following items are due in the Premedical Office **by May 15th**: Updated XU Coursework Plan with final grades for the spring semester included, official transcript(s) from each college or university attended, and letters of evaluation;*
- **As soon as FINAL grades for the Spring are posted** request to have your official XU transcript sent ELECTRONICALLY to Ms. Quo Vadis Webster **VIA EMAIL** at [qmwebste@xula.edu](mailto:qmwebste@xula.edu); to ensure receipt in a timely fashion, only make your request AFTER FINAL spring grades are posted;
- If you enrolled at any other college or university, you should request to have an official transcript from each school sent to the Premedical Office by March 15th; and
- Make sure that your updated XU Coursework Plan with final grades for the spring semester included, official transcript(s) from each college or university attended, and letters of evaluation are received in the Premedical Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**What happens to applications after they are submitted to the PM Office?** After the May 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Penn State College of Medicine.

**What do students do after they are nominated for the program?** Nominees will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee at Penn State College of Medicine, and selected candidates will be invited to interview on Penn State's campus the summer after sophomore year (July-August). Following the interviews, decisions will be made by the Admissions Committee and written notification will be sent to applicants and the chair of the Premedical Committee within four weeks of the interview.

**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, NO LATER THAN MAY and obtain a minimum composite score in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in order to gain full acceptance into Penn State College of Medicine via the Early Assurance Program. Conditionally accepted students will be permitted to retake the MCAT during that year's application cycle if the EAP minimum is 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 Penn State. Conditionally accepted students will be invited to participate in an optional campus visit to Penn State College of Medicine in October-November of senior year. If the student receives an official acceptance offer from Penn State College of Medicine 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, Penn State 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 no later than July before the senior year, complete/submit Penn State's secondary application by the end of August of senior year, and follow all instructions outlined in the acceptance materials.

Accepted students, after having committed to enroll at Penn State College of Medicine, will be able to explore options like dual degrees (MD-PhD, MD-MPH, MD-MBA, and MD-Med) and several [3+ Accelerated Pathways](#), which allow students to complete medical school in three years, followed by residency training in several specialty areas at Penn State.