Xavier–University of Rochester Medical School
Early Assurance Program
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For perspective on the University of Rochester Medical School, check out the video at https://vimeo.com/174682589 which features Dr. Steve Morgan, Jr. and Chante' Calais Morgan, both Xavier graduates who enrolled at the University of Rochester through the Early Assurance Program.

This sophomore-year program, which offers conditional early acceptance into medical school, requires endorsement by the Premedical Office. Students who are conditionally accepted into University of Rochester Medical School through this program are NOT required to take the MCAT but must still 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 transfer/AP credit accepted), and Two semesters of English (e.g. 1000/1010 and 1020; bypassed "PC" or transfer/AP credit accepted).
- Earned a cumulative overall GPA at Xavier of 3.6 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 U of Rochester School of Medicine as indicated by meeting the above-mentioned requirements and participating in any information or recruitment sessions offered to Xavier students by U of Rochester School of Medicine.
- *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. 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/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;
- The medical school early acceptance program application(s) are **due in the Premedical Office by April 1ˢᵗ.** 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; 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 15ᵗʰ.

What happens to applications after they are submitted to the Premed Office? After the May 15ᵗʰ deadline, the Premed Office will review all applications and then choose qualified students to submit the Rochester-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.

After carefully working on and submitting the online application, applicants are notified by EAP administrators of their application status by the beginning of junior year. Subsequently, applicants who are granted interviews at Rochester will be notified of the status of their applications by the U of Rochester Medical School Early Assurance Program Office once decisions are made after the interview period.

What do students do after acceptance into the program? Students accepted into the program do NOT have to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT); should an accepted student take the MCAT, he/she will FORFEIT their conditional acceptance to Rochester. Accepted students must successfully complete their Junior and Senior years at Xavier and complete/submit the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application during the summer between Junior and Senior years per the instructions given by U of Rochester Medical School upon acceptance. Conditionally accepted students will be required to submit ACT and/or SAT scores, although no minimum score is required. Accepted EAP applicants are considered "committed" to U of Rochester Medical School, and therefore, should an accepted take the MCAT, he/she will forfeit the EAP acceptance to U of Rochester Medical School. The University of Rochester School of Medicine will send students an OFFICIAL letter confirming that they have been accepted by October 31 (provided the AMCAS application and any supplemental materials are submitted in a timely fashion). **NOTE: Students accepted into the EAP will forfeit acceptance into the University of Rochester Medical School if they take the MCAT.**