



Xavier–St. Louis University Medical School Pre-Medical Scholars Program for Early Acceptance

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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 St. Louis 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, 30 of which are science or math prerequisites at Xavier:
 - Completed at least 14 credit hours per semester and at least 30 credit hours total during freshman year (summer school, credit by exam, and AP included in totals).
 - Completed at least 14 credit hours per semester and at least 30 credit hours total during sophomore year (summer school and credit by exam included in totals).
- Be on track to complete at least at least 14 credit hours per semester and at least 28 credit hours total during junior year and senior year (summer school and credit by exam included in totals).
- Completed the following courses: General Biology (1230/1230LB, 1240/1240LB), General Chemistry (1010/1010DR/1011LB, 1020/1020DR/1021LB), Organic Chemistry (2210/2210DR/2230LB, 2220/2220DR/2240LB), Pre-Calculus/Calculus I or Statistics/Pre-Calculus, and English 1010, 1020 (or their equivalents including XU's Math and English Honors sequences).
- Be on track to complete ALL biology, chemistry, physics, and math (BCPM) courses at Xavier.
- Earned an overall GPA at Xavier of 3.5 or higher and BCPM GPA at Xavier of 3.4 or higher at the end of the second semester of sophomore year through completion of the undergraduate degree.
- Not earned a "W" (withdrawal) or "I" (incomplete) in any course except for first semester of freshman year.
- Not audited any required science course needed to fulfill scholar program basic science requirement.
- Not received a "D" or "F" in any course.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- 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 Saint Louis University School of Medicine as indicated by meeting the above-mentioned requirements and participating in any information or recruitment sessions offered to Xavier students by Saint Louis University 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 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 Premed Office? After the May 15th deadline, the Premed Office will review all applications and supporting materials, nominate qualified students, and forward their application components to St. Louis University for review by June 1st. Applicants are notified by SLU administrators of their application status during the summer of their sophomore year. Subsequently, applicants who are granted interviews by SLU will be notified of the status of their applications by Saint Louis University once decisions are made after the interview period.

What happens to applications after they are submitted to Saint Louis University?

- Following review of the application by the Saint Louis University School of Medicine Admissions Committee, the most qualified applicants will be invited during August and September to Saint Louis University for interviews. No one will be accepted into the program without an interview. *Any applicant to the Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program who is rejected in the initial screening or after interview, may apply to Saint Louis University School of Medicine as a regular applicant via AMCAS without prejudice and, in fact, will be encouraged to do so.*
- The final selection of those offered provisional acceptance into the Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program is made by the Medical School Admissions Committee based on all of the information available to them. Academic and career potential, maturity, diverse experiences and perspectives, and strong letters of support will be key factors in the selection process.
- Accepted applicants will be notified during the summer of their sophomore year/first semester of junior year.
- Accepted Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program students will be eligible for all scholarship monies and loans that are normally available to all applicants to the school of medicine. Financial aid information will be made available to all accepted students in the spring of their senior year in college.

What do students do after acceptance into the program? Students who are accepted into the Pre-Medical Scholars Program must adhere to VERY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS as outlined in the official acceptance letter from Saint Louis University School of Medicine. Accepted students must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) no later than June between junior and senior years and achieve a minimum of 500. Other rules for accepted students include:

- Scholars are not permitted to withdraw from courses after the drop/add period at the beginning of the semester, nor are they permitted to take an incomplete (I) in a course except for first semester freshman year
- As indicated in aforementioned eligibility requirements, scholars must complete at least 14 credit hours per semester and at least 28 credit hours total during junior year and senior year (fall and spring only; summer school, credit by exam, dual enrollment, and AP credit ARE included in credit hour totals).
- Scholars are not permitted to audit courses required to fulfill scholar program basic science requirement
- Scholars may not receive a D or F in any course.

- Students must achieve the 3.50/3.40 averages by the end of the Sophomore through completion of the undergraduate degree. Grade point averages are calculated after the spring semester, and students will be dismissed from the program if those GPAs are not met.
- Transfer credits earned elsewhere will not be considered part of the averages for the Medical Scholars Program.
- All math and science courses must be taken at the Xavier University main campus. Study abroad requires students to take a science course at Xavier, as determined by the Director, during the summer before they travel.
- Scholars must complete SLU's medical school prerequisites in full prior to medical school matriculation. Details at <https://www.slu.edu/medicine/medical-education/md/admissions/requirements-standards.php>.

Accepted students must complete their Junior and Senior years at Xavier, making sure to meet ALL requirements as outlined by Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program; complete and submit the online AMCAS application (www.aamc.org) by September 1st of Senior year and complete Saint Louis University's secondary application by October 1st of Senior year. **NOTE: Students accepted into Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program will forfeit their provisional acceptance into Saint Louis University School of Medicine if they apply to any other schools of medicine or fail to meet any of the other program requirements.**