

Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine Applicant Questions

Thank you for your interest in Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine. This FAQ answers the questions we hear most often from prospective applicants as we prepare for our first admissions cycle.

What is Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine, and what does it stand for?

Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine was founded as a partnership between Xavier University of Louisiana and Ochsner Health. It is the **only** allopathic HBCU medical school in the Gulf South and the **fifth historically Black** medical school in the nation.

Mission. In the pursuit of a more just and humane society, the Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine's mission is to educate and train diverse physician leaders committed to health equity, innovation and the reimagining of healthcare to improve outcomes for all through outstanding education, clinical care and research.

Vision. Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine's vision is to unleash the power of diversity, transform medical education, and train compassionate physician scientists who will champion inclusivity and excellence in medicine.

Students complete their core clinical training at Ochsner Health sites.

When and how can I apply?

We will be live on the AMCAS application portal soon. All applications will be submitted through the AAMC's American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). We will announce the exact opening date as soon as it is set, so look for an update on our website.

To get ready now:

- Create or update your AMCAS account at students-residents.aamc.org
- Request transcripts from every college or university you have attended
- Line up your **3** letters of recommendation from those who can attest to your alignment with our requirements and our mission/vision
- Plan your MCAT date so scores are available during the cycle

What are the minimum academic requirements?

Applicants must meet all the minimums below to be considered. **Meeting the minimums does not guarantee an interview.**

Requirement	Minimum
Undergraduate science GPA	3.0
Total MCAT score*	500

***MCAT scores must be dated as taken no more than 3 years ago.**

Please note: For this admissions cycle, we will consider only your undergraduate science GPA. Graduate and post-baccalaureate science GPAs will not be considered toward this minimum.

We review every application for mission alignment, so experiences and attributes matter alongside these numbers.

What are you looking for in applicants?

We seek mission-aligned future physicians who will help build a more just and humane society. Strong applicants show:

- **Commitment to improving health outcomes** — a demonstrated desire to serve communities in need.
- **Service** — sustained volunteer and community engagement, not one-time activities
- **Clinical exposure** — meaningful time with patients and physicians that confirms your interest in medicine
- **Scientific curiosity** — interest in research and innovation that improves patient care
- **Compassion and a patient-first mindset** — empathy, integrity and respect for every person
- **Leadership and resilience** — initiative, teamwork and the ability to grow through challenges
- **Academic readiness** — preparation to succeed in a rigorous medical curriculum

As a founding class, our first students will also help shape the culture of the Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine.

Who can I contact with questions?

Please direct all admissions questions to the Office of Admissions.

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