

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

*****NOTE: FOR COMPLETE DETAILS ON THESE QUESTIONS AND MORE, PLEASE READ THE APPLICANT INFORMATION DOCUMENT ON OUR WEBSITE*****

GENERAL

Can I book an appointment to meet with an advisor? No, we do not take appointments nor do we do advising. All communication with the Admissions Office must be done via email.

What is the application deadline? October 1, 2019 at 4:00pm (Saskatchewan time).

When does the application open? The online application opens in early August.

Are non-academic activities considered? No, a record of volunteer activities is not considered. However, a supervisor from a volunteer experience can be used as one of your references.

Do you accept International students? No, applicants must have lived in Canada for at least three years prior to August 1 of the year in which admission is being sought and must be a Canadian citizen or have Permanent Resident status by the application deadline.

Can I transfer into the MD program from another medical school? No, the College of Medicine does not accept transfer students from another medical school. All applicants must follow the complete admissions process. Please see the Transfer Student Policy in the Applicant Information Document.

UAA CALCULATION/ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Which degree should I get to be eligible to apply for Medicine or which degree looks best on an application? Any four-year baccalaureate degree from an accredited degree-granting institution will be accepted. No degree holds more weight than another.

How is a withdrawn course on my transcript treated? A withdrawn course noted on a transcript has no bearing on an application.

What prerequisite courses do I need to take? There are no high school or university level prerequisite courses required.

How is a repeated course calculated? An initial course and a repeated course will both be counted if they fall within the courses used to calculate the UAA (see the Applicant Information Document).

Are summer courses counted? It does not matter what time of year courses are taken as long as the degree is awarded in the required timeframe as outlined in the Applicant Information Document.

Do you accept online courses? Up to 24 credit units of distance education are allowed.

Will my UAA be rounded up? We round to two decimal places. (Example: 89.23795% will be rounded to 89.24%)

What if my school uses letter grading? Please email the Admissions Office with the name of the institution you attend and we will send you a conversion scale you can use to convert your grades to percentages.

Do I need to carry a full course load? No, however, your degree must be completed within the required timeframe (see Applicant Information Document).

If I take extra classes to increase my average will they count towards my UAA? No, courses taken after the awarding of a degree will not count towards your UAA unless it results in another degree that will be completed before entry to Medicine.

Do you accept WES evaluations? No.

RESIDENCY

If I have a family member who grew up in Saskatchewan or a relative who currently lives in Saskatchewan, can I apply as a Saskatchewan resident? No, you must be physically residing in Saskatchewan to be considered a Saskatchewan resident.

What if I am from Saskatchewan, but left to attend university outside of the province? As long as you can provide proof that you return to Saskatchewan when school is not in session, you will still be considered an in province applicant.

Can I apply as a Saskatchewan resident if I took my undergrad degree at a Saskatchewan university? You must be able to provide proof that you reside in Saskatchewan for three years immediately preceding August 1 of the year in which you are seeking admission. If you have completed your degree, you must remain in Saskatchewan in order to not break your residency.

Can I apply as a Saskatchewan resident if I am in the military? You must have physically resided in Saskatchewan for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding October 1 of the year of application and obtain written approval from the Admissions Office.

MCAT

What is the last MCAT testing date you will accept? The MCAT must be written prior to the application deadline.

As an Out-of-Province (OP) applicant, can I still apply if I meet the MCAT scores in all but one section? No, OP applicants must meet the test sum score minimum as well as the minimum score for each of the four sections to be eligible to apply.

If I have written more than one MCAT, which score is used? Only the most recent MCAT score is used.

Am I required to release my scores during the dates listed on the website even if I have already released them? Yes! Only scores released during the stated time period will be considered.

TRANSCRIPTS

Can I mail my transcripts myself? Transcripts must be sent directly from the institution to our office. Transcripts that have passed through an applicant's hand are deemed to be unofficial and will not be accepted even if they are sealed.

Will the office confirm with me when they have received my transcripts? No. Due to the high volume of transcripts that are received in our office, we are unable to confirm receipt of transcripts.

Do I need to submit a transcript from a foreign school even if only attended one semester there? Yes, you must have official transcripts sent directly from every institution ever attended.

If I received transfer credits on a transcript from another institution I attended, do I still need to submit the transcript for the institution I was granted transfer credit for? Yes, you must have official transcripts sent directly from every institution ever attended, even if you received transfer credits.

Do applicants who re-apply need to submit transcripts again? If no new courses were taken, you do not need to order new transcripts. However, you must submit a request to the Admissions Office to have your transcripts pulled forward.

ONLINE APPLICATION

After I submitted my application, can I log back in to make changes? No, once you have submitted the application you cannot log back in. Any changes/updates have to be emailed to the Admissions Office.

How can I track the status of my application? Our system does not track an applicant's status through the application process. You will be notified by mid-May of the outcome of your application.

What do I do if I lost/forgot my password and am unable to log in to complete my application? Email med.admissions@usask.ca and we will reset your password for you.

What is the "Other Documents" section for? You can upload any additional documents here relating to residency, PR Card or proof of Indigenous ancestry.

How do I obtain an official letter from Saskatchewan Health Services to support my residency? Contact Saskatchewan Health (eHealth Saskatchewan).

How will the Admissions Office communicate with me throughout the application cycle? All communication from the Admissions Office will be sent via email.

REFERENCES

Do my referees need to submit a letter? No, we do not accept reference letters.

Will the Admissions Office approve my referees prior to submitting my application? No, we will not confirm suitability of specific referees. It is up to the applicant to determine which referees would be most appropriate based on the criteria we have outlined in the Applicant Information Document.

When will my references be contacted? In late March or early April an email will be sent to referees to schedule a 10 – 15 minute phone call during the month of April and early May. The number of references contacted is at the discretion of the Admissions Office.