



University of Nevada School of Medicine's

Admissions Overview

The University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) takes part in the American Medical College Application Services (AMCAS). This is an online application process available at www.aamc.org/amcas. Every UNSOM applicant is required to apply through AMCAS. The Office of Admissions and Student Affairs coordinates the admissions process once an applicant's AMCAS application is received. This process includes secondary applications, interview scheduling, transcript review, and other parts of the admissions process. Admission requirements are available online at www.medicine.nevada.edu.

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How Student Are Selected

Applicants to the School of Medicine are evaluated on:

- Academic Performance
- Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) Score
- Academic Letters of Recommendation
- Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI)
- Nature and depth of scholarly, extracurricular and health care activities in college (excellence and balance of natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities)

Detailed admission requirements are available on our website, www.medicine.nevada.edu. The school welcomes and encourages applicants of all ages, socioeconomic, racial, religious, and academic backgrounds.

Course Requirements

Applicants are encouraged to have a broad educational background and to enroll in an in-depth curriculum that will lead to a discipline-oriented major, such as biology, chemistry, or psychology. The school does not require specific courses as a pre-requisite for admission. Please contact asa@medicine.nevada.edu for the most current information.

- 15 credits of biology, including labs (minimum of 6 semester hours of upper division credits required)
- 8 credits of inorganic chemistry, including labs
- 8 credits of organic chemistry, including labs (applicants are strongly encouraged to take pre-professional level courses)
- 8 credits of physics
- 3 credits of psychology or abnormal psychology
- 3 credits of biochemistry

Recommended supplemental courses include:

- Microbiology
- Genetics
- Calculus
- Statistics
- Immunology

Correspondence, CLEP (college level exam programs or test out), AP (advanced placement), and/or pass/fail or audit in lieu of a letter grade is not accepted for any of the required courses. Demonstrated competency in English composition and express is required. Generally, students satisfy English composition requirements through undergraduate course work.

AP credits do not meet the coursework requirements, but students who receive credit through AP test scores from their university/college do not need to re-take those courses. Students are advised to take additional course work in that subject to satisfy the SOM coursework requirements. See the school's website for complete details.

Residency Requirements

Students must reside in Nevada at least one year before November 1 of the application year. Applicants can claim residency based on their parents, if they are 24 years of age or younger before the November 1 application deadline. Students who are not American citizens must have a permanent resident visa and be a Nevada resident for consideration. Priority is given to Nevada residents. Nevada high school graduates, children of UNSOM faculty and staff, and children of UNSOM alumni are also eligible to apply, but may be required to pay out-of-state tuition rates if they do not meet other Nevada residency criteria. Students from the four western states with no medical schools (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), and students from Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, and Utah are eligible to apply as out-of-state students.

Application Schedule & Fees

Application Open	June 1
Application Deadline	October 15
Secondary Application Fee	\$45

Acceptance Schedule

Earliest Acceptance Date	January 15
Latest Acceptance Date	April 15
Alternate Acceptance Dates	Throughout Summer
Start Date of Medical School	Mid-August