

Academic Measurables

Who **could** be a physician? A person who has earned a medical degree and passed all US Medical Licensing Exams.

- **MCAT**

- The MCAT exam predicts performance on USMLE Step 1
- **511** College of Medicine average score for the 2024 matriculating class
- **501-525** The range of MCAT scores from the College of Medicine 2024 matriculating class
- It is recommended that applicants score in the 50th percentile or higher in each section to be considered most competitive

- **GPA**

- Predicts preparedness for medical school curriculum
- **3.83** Average total GPA for the College of Medicine 2024 matriculating class
- **3.79** Average BCPM (Science) GPA for the College of Medicine 2024 matriculating class

Non-Academic Experiences and Characteristics

Who **would** be the best physician? A person who has committed themselves to serving others through the practice of medicine.

- **Personal Attributes**

Demonstrates characteristics such as honesty, integrity, compassion, adaptability, social and cultural humility, self-awareness, empathy, dependability.

- **Shadowing**

Observing/shadowing provides the opportunity to understand the relationship between a patient and physician. We recommend completing multiple shadowing experiences to be considered a competitive applicant.

- **Community Service/Volunteering**

Positively impacting communities in need by completing longitudinal hands-on service.

- **Interview Performance and Communication**

The ability to communicate effectively and convey ideas and motivations for pursuing a career in medicine. Demonstrate the ability to actively listen and respond to scenarios accordingly.

- **Research**

Develop a foundation of basic understanding in scientific inquiry.

- **Leadership**

Demonstrate responsibility and development in a specific role including but not limited to a campus organization, employment, or within your community.

- **Work Experience**

Employment experience in a clinical setting with direct patient care demonstrates an understanding of the commitment and work ethic needed to maintain a career in the medical field. We often see applicants with experience in the following roles: scribe, medical assistant, patient care technician/assistant, emergency medical technician, certified nursing assistant. Non-medical work experience can also be valuable.

Reflections

To understand your experiences and how to best communicate them, reflect on these questions:

- What did I take away from this specific experience?
- How does this experience align with my goal to pursue medicine?
- How did I grow in this experience and what lesson did I learn?
- What moment or experience in my life has inspired me to become a physician?