

**Minimum Acceptable College-level Courses for the OHSU Medicine Program:**

OHSU Requirements	Credits	PCC Course Equivalents	Qtr. Credits
One year of General Biology (with lab) to include one genetics course	varies	<b>BI</b> 211, 212, & 213 Principles of Biology	15
One course of General Chemistry (with lab)	varies	<b>CH</b> 221 General Chemistry	5
One course of Organic Chemistry (with lab)	varies	<b>CH</b> 241 Organic Chemistry (CH 223 is a required prerequisite)	5
One Biochemistry course	varies	Take at 4-year institution  PCC offers <b>CH</b> 211 Introduction to Biochemistry which may be useful before taking Biochemistry at a 4-year institution.	-
One year of Physics (with lab)	varies	<b>PHY</b> 201, 202, & 203 General Physics	12
One college-level math course (not including statistics). A statistics course is strongly recommended.	varies	<b>MTH</b> 111 College Algebra, or higher  <b>MTH</b> 243 Statistics (strongly recommended)	5  (4)
Two academic years of humanities and/or social sciences.	varies	Select from Arts & Letters/ Social Science departments	varies
One English composition course	varies	<b>WR</b> 121 English Comp	3-4

**Additional Requirements & Recommendations**

**This is a Graduate program.** A Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, or its equivalent, from an accredited college or university is required prior to enrollment in medical school. **No particular major is preferred, but a broad educational background is encouraged.** Average GPA of admitted students is 3.63 overall and 3.56 in science courses.

Please see an Academic Advisor for help with an academic plan. OHSU strongly recommends that additional advanced science courses in the following areas be included in your bachelor's degree: biochemistry, molecular biology, genetics, and higher level math.

**Typical Profile of Admissions Cycle & Entering Class**

- Total applications received: 4,500+
- Of the 4,500+ applications received, 9% are Oregonians, 91% are non-residents
- Applicants Interviewed: 550+
- Number of acceptance offers made: 210+
- Class size: 115
- Profile of Entering Class:
  - 70% residents of Oregon
  - Average age: 26
  - Average total GPA: 3.63
  - Average science GPA: 3.56
  - Average MCAT: 31
  - 30% are previous applicants
  - Represent 70+ different undergraduate institutions

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**<http://www.ohsu.edu/som/MD/admissions.cfm/>**

Students who want to pursue a medicine program will need to complete a bachelor's degree before matriculation to the OHSU School of Medicine. There is no "pre-med" major, but there are required pre-medicine courses, which should be included in your plan of study. You are urged to major in an area that is of real interest to you - it does not need to be a science field, but many students do major in biology or another science. Medical schools want to see a breadth of subjects, including liberal arts and social sciences.

Students should select a university or college that they would enjoy attending and can afford for four years. It is wise to take the majority of your science courses from a 4-year college or university. It is also important to take a full-time class schedule. Medical schools want to know if you can take several difficult courses at the same time and still earn high grades.

Get to know your instructors! You will need faculty recommendations when you apply to Medical School. Talk with them about your plans, hopes, and dreams. Give them a reason to remember you and your work.

When reviewing an applicant's academic profile, the OHSU Admissions Committee looks at the most recent MCAT score and overall and science GPA. It also considers such factors as breadth of education, major, courses taken, GPA trends, course loads, extracurricular activities, etc.

Candidates for admission to the OHSU Medical School are considered comparatively on the basis of:

- Assessment of motivation, ability to communicate, problem-solving ability and maturity.
- Review of overall scholastic record. (average overall and science GPA of admitted students is 3.6)
- Review of MCAT scores
- Review of letters of recommendation. Three letters are required
- Review of work/health care/research experience.
- Understanding and appreciation of health care issues and/or biomedical research.
- Interest in rural health, underserved areas and primary care.
- With respect to the MD/PhD Combined Degree Program, commitment to and potential for biomedical research.

Applicants should demonstrate a basic understanding of the health care system. Applicants can obtain this understanding through previous life experiences in a health care field, teaching, family relationships, work experience, volunteering, etc. Approximately 4,500 applications are received each year, 500 or so applicants are granted interviews, and approximately 115-120 are admitted.

*PCC endeavors to create accurate transfer guides for students; however, requirements may change without notice. Students are responsible for working with PCC advisors and their transfer institution to ensure that their academic plan will meet requirements and timelines.*