

## Vanderbilt Is...

- A Top 15 Research Medical School
- A private university that accepts students from all of the world
- Innovative – We received a grant from the AMA to accelerate the change in medical education resulting in our new Curriculum 2.0
- Supportive – Our wellness program includes Faculty Mentors, Peer Mentors, Portfolio Coaches, and Specialty Advisors
- Located in Nashville, TN, also known as Nashvegas and one of America’s “It” cities, a city with a low cost of living

### Vanderbilt University School of Medicine Admissions Mission Statement

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine (VUSM) seeks to matriculate a diverse group of academically exceptional students whose attributes and accomplishments suggest that they will be future leaders and/or scholars in medicine.

### General Admission Requirements

- Completion of a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited university or college by time of enrollment
- Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) Scores
- AMCAS Application
- Letters of Evaluation/Recommendation
- **There are no prerequisite course requirements**, but we do recommend that prospective students complete at least two semesters of Biology, Chemistry, Organic/Bio Chemistry, Calculus/Statistics, Physics, and Behavioral Sciences (Psychology or Sociology) to prepare for the MCAT exam and your first year of medical school
- **We do screen for the Secondary Application**, it is not sent out automatically.

### General Admission Tips

- Research the schools that you are interested in and know their mission statements and deadlines
  - Does it sound like a good fit for you?
- Be realistic about the strength of your application and how you compare to the average admitted student for that school
- Recognize that this is a competitive process and have a plan in place if you don’t get into medical school the first year you apply
- Have someone who is not familiar with your journey/story review your application and personal statements

## **What Makes an Applicant Competitive for VUSM?**

- Remember that we use rolling admissions, the earlier you can submit your application the better
- Informative letters of evaluation/recommendation
  - Ask the individuals writing these to use the AAMC Letter Guidelines
- Strong academic history (GPA and MCAT score)
- Leadership experience
- Research experience (can be lab based or not)
- Medical exposure/physician shadowing
- Community involvement or service activities

## **Some Statistics on Our Recent Entering Classes**

- Usually receive between 6,000 and 7,000 applications, the average is approximately 6,400
- Usually send Secondary applications to between 1,100 and 1,500 applicants, the average is approximately 1,300
- Usually interview between 400 and 550 applicants, the average is approximately 475
- Usually admit between 200 and 300 applicants, the average is approximately 240
- Class size of 96 students (77 MD, 16 MSTP, 2 MIDP, 1OMFS)
- The overall GPA range for admitted students is 3.0 – 4.0
- The range of MCAT percentiles for admitted students is 70<sup>th</sup> percentile – 100<sup>th</sup> percentile

## **Questions?**

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