

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Doctor of Medicine Tip Sheet 2022

PROGRAM DETAILS

The curriculum that makes up the MD program of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry builds on foundation knowledge and skills in stepwise fashion. These provide progressively increasing clinical exposure during Years 1 and 2. They ultimately evolve into a fully immersive clinical-learning setting by the beginning of third year. Following four years in undergraduate medical education, students continue postgraduate training for two to five+ years.

Quota: 162 Students. Eighty-five per cent of the places in the program are normally reserved for Alberta residents, and 15 per cent are usually available for non-Alberta residents. Applicants must be permanent residents of Canada, either as a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. We regret that we are unable to admit international students. Quota positions are available for qualified applicants from Rural communities and the Department of National Defence.

The Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry is committed to the recruitment, retention and graduation of Aboriginal students. All Aboriginal applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and who are successful in the Indigenous admissions process will be recommended for admission.

As part of our ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, the MD Program at the University of Alberta has introduced the Black Applicant Admissions Process (BAAP). The goal of the BAAP is to ensure self identified Black applicants have Black representation as a part of their file review, interview, as well as on the MD Admission Committee.

At the request of the Department of National Defence (DND), the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry has completed arrangements with DND to create up to six seats in the MD Program above the quota class size.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Standards

- The minimum cumulative GPA required to be eligible to apply is 3.30 for Alberta residents and 3.50 for non-Alberta residents.
- The minimum MCAT score to be eligible to apply for Albertan applicants is 124 in all categories (CPBS, CARS, BBFL, PSBB).
- The minimum MCAT score to be eligible to apply for Non-Albertans is 128 in CARS and 124 in CPBS, BBFL, and PSBB.
- Please note: meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee admission.
- Additional selection factors include personal activities, reference letters, additional testing and interview.

Other Requirements:

- **Education:** All applicants must be registered in a baccalaureate degree program and obtain their degree the year admission is sought or already have completed their degree program. We have no preference for which institution attended nor which degree program; applicants should pursue their interests while fulfilling the requirements of their degree program. Applicants must have a minimum of 60 transferable units of course weight (ucw).
 - We require that our applicants complete one academic year (September 1 through April 30) with a full course load prior to being admitted; the definition of full course load as ascertained by your accredited home institution must also be recognized by the University of Alberta. The purpose behind the requirement of a full course load in one academic year is to assess whether students will be able to handle the course load when registered in the Medicine program.
 - To calculate cGPA, we include all transferable post-secondary coursework to which a grade was assigned while the student was enrolled full-time (by UofA definition) during the academic year (September through April) or full-time during the Spring and Summer terms (May through August). For undergraduate students, to be considered full-time you must complete 18 transferable units of course weight (ucw) during the academic year (September through April) or 12 ucw during the Spring and Summer terms (May through August).
- **Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT):** All applicants must write the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). Applicants choose their best scores from one exam sitting. The MCAT Exam includes: Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems Section, Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems Section, Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behaviour Section, and Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills Section.
- **Personal Activities:** This section provides applicants the opportunity to highlight their life experiences that they feel will enhance their application. The Personal Activities section for the 2022-2023 application is comprised of five subsections: Employment, Leadership Roles, Volunteer Work, Life Experiences & Achievements, and Personal Highlights.

- **References:** For application to the Doctor of Medicine Program you will submit the contact information for two referees, or recommenders, as part of the Application for Admission. Please only select individuals (ie. coach, co-worker, employer, leader of volunteer organization or club, professor, supervisor, research supervisor, teacher, etc.) who know you in a supervisory or professional capacity and who presently know you well enough to speak to your moral and ethical character.
- **CASPer Assessment:** All applicants who successfully complete and submit their Application for Admission AND complete all required checklist items and forms AND meet the minimum academic requirements for application will be required to do additional testing in Fall 2021. The online assessment (CASPer), provided by Altus Assessments, will cost approximately \$60. Successful completion of CASPer is mandatory in order to maintain admission eligibility.
- **Interview:** Interviews will be held in March 2023.
- **English Language Requirements:** Applicants must meet a spoken English requirement as specified in the [University of Alberta Calendar](#).

Condition of Admission:

- **Police Information Check (PIC):** Applicants should be aware that a clear Police Information Check (PIC) is required as a condition of admission and that any criminal charges pending must be declared.
- **Prior to commencement of studies,** admitted applicants must complete a standard series of immunizations required of health care providers in Alberta.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications Opens: July 1, 2022

Application Deadline: October 1, 2022

FAQ

Additional information can be found [here](#).