

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EXCERPT
2017 FIRST-YEAR CLASS

BASIC PREREQUISITES

The School of Medicine subscribes to the policy of equal education opportunity. There are no quotas by race, ethnicity, sex, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, socioeconomic background or state of residence, nor are there congressional quotas or appointments. All applicants are judged on personal merit in terms of demonstrated aptitude, potential and motivation for the study and practice of military medicine. Only the best-qualified and most-promising candidates are selected.

Applicant must be a United States citizen by 1 November 2016.

Applicants (civilian and enlisted personnel) must be between the ages of 18 and 36 by 30 June 2017. If a civilian applicant or military member exceeds the age limit, an age waiver may be requested.

Applicants must present MCAT test scores from January 2014 through September 2016 (If you do not have MCAT results to submit, you must take the exam during the months of June through September 2016 to be eligible.)

Applicant must earn a baccalaureate degree from an accredited U.S. college or university by 1 June 2017. The academic prerequisites are one year each of the following: biology with laboratory, general chemistry with laboratory, organic chemistry with laboratory (biochemistry may be substituted for the second semester of organic chemistry), physics with laboratory, and a writing intense course in English, Foreign Languages, Sociology, Psychology or the Humanities. Also, one semester of calculus or statistics is required. Community college classes are acceptable. AP and IB courses for which your undergraduate institution has given you credit are acceptable for Calculus, Statistics, Inorganic Chemistry, and Physics. AP or IB courses for which you have been given credit are also acceptable for the requirement to have one year's worth of credits in English, the Foreign Languages, Psychology, or the Humanities. Additional upper level Biology coursework should be taken if one has had AP Biology. Biochemistry may also be substituted for one semester of Inorganic Chemistry. Online or Internet courses will not be accepted for the prerequisites.

All active duty personnel, Reservists, ROTC students and Academy students must have a letter of approval in order to attend USUHS. An offer of acceptance will not be tendered until this approval has been received in the Admissions Office.

The obligation incurred is seven years active duty and six years inactive ready reserve duty, excluding all time served while obtaining graduate medical education. Inactive ready reserve status is one in which an individual does not participate in any military activities unless called up by Presidential authority (this is an exceedingly rare occurrence). The obligation for those serving in the Public Health Service is ten years, as the Public Health Service does not have an inactive ready reserve component.

PROFILE OF THE 2016 FIRST-YEAR CLASS (as of May 31, 2016)

3,177 applicants; 293 offers to fill 171 spaces comprised of 101 men and 70 women.

54 minority students, 20 of whom are classified as underrepresented in U.S. Medicine.

Cumulative Grade Point Average 3.6; Science GPA 3.6.

MCAT total 31.7/MCAT2015 total 508. Geographic distribution: 34 states represented.

PHYSICAL AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE F. EDWARD HÉBERT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

SECTION I: PHYSICAL STANDARDS

Applicants who accept an interview invitation will be scheduled for a medical examination by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB). Students **MUST** schedule or complete their physical examination prior to interview day and provide the date of the examination to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions on interview day.

The requirements for a military commission include standards of fitness. These requirements are contained in the Department of Defense Instruction 6130.03 (April 28, 2010, Incorporating Change 1, September 13, 2011) and will be used by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB)-the agency responsible for scheduling and evaluating your physical examination. This scrutiny is necessary to ensure that you do not have a physical or mental condition that would preclude or be aggravated by your participation in the academic and military duties you will encounter during your years at USUHS or be an impediment to shipboard or field duty after graduation.

Your medical history will be reviewed for information on illnesses, injuries, surgical procedures, congenital or familial diseases or other factors that could affect your physical status now or in the future. You may be asked to provide additional reports and/or records from your physician or hospitals.

The following webpage provides a comprehensive list of medical conditions of concern to the medical reviewers: <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/613003p.pdf>.

WAIVERS

Some medical requirements can be waived for applicants who are otherwise highly qualified. If you are notified by DoDMERB that you have a disqualifying defect but you would like for your application to be considered further, you may request a waiver of the disqualifying condition by writing the commissioning coordinator. If your records indicate that you are a competitive applicant, the commissioning coordinator will request DoDMERB to provide amplifying information on the condition in question or to submit a more comprehensive evaluation by a medical specialist. Your entire medical record may then be forwarded to the various military services waiver authorities for an independent review and recommendation. That recommendation will then be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) for granting or rejection of the waiver. Staff members are available to assist you with administrative processing of your physical examination and waiver process. The Military Personnel Office is responsible for these determinations. You may contact the Commissioning Coordinator at 301- 295-3088 with any questions.

Height and Weight Standards

Standards of weight according to height are shown in Tables 2-1 and 2-2. Minimum and maximum height for men and women, measured to the nearest quarter inch without shoes, is 60.

80 and 58-80 inches, respectively. Applicants exceeding the maximum allowable weight will be qualified or disqualified based upon their percentage of body fat, which will be calculated in accordance with current Army Regulations. Upon graduation, you must meet service specific weight and body fat standards.

TABLE II
Height and Weight Standards According to Age, Gender, and Service for Admissions to USUHS

Males- Age 21-27				
Height in Inches	Minimum Weight Regardless of Age	Maximum Weight		
		U.S. Army	U.S. Navy	U.S. Air Force
58	98		130	
59	99		134	
60	100	136	139	153
61	102	140	143	155
62	103	144	148	158
63	104	149	152	160
64	105	154	157	164
65	106	159	162	169
66	107	163	167	174
67	111	169	172	179
68	115	174	176	184
69	119	179	182	189
70	123	185	187	194
71	127	189	192	199
72	131	195	197	205
73	135	200	202	211
74	139	206	208	218
75	143	212	213	214
76	147	217	219	230
77	151	223	224	236
78	153	229	230	242
79	157	235		248
80	161	240		254

Females- Age 21-27				
Height in Inches	Minimum Weight Regardless of Age	Maximum Weight		
		U.S. Army	U.S. Navy	U.S. Air Force
58	88	112	124	126
59	90	116	127	128
60	92	120	131	130
61	95	124	135	132
62	97	129	138	134
63	100	133	142	136
64	103	137	145	139
65	106	141	149	144
66	108	146	153	148
67	111	149	156	152
68	114	154	160	156
69	117	158	163	161
70	119	163	167	165
71	122	167	171	169
72	125	172	175	174
73	128	177	178	179
74	130	183	181	185
75	133	188	185	190
76	136	194	189	196
77	139	199	192	201
78	141	204	196	206
79	144	209		
80	147	214		

Miscellanea

The Department of Defense Instruction 6130.03 (April 28, 2010, Incorporating Change 1, September 13, 2011) contains a listing of all disqualifying conditions; however, the disqualifying conditions listed are not always permanently disqualifying. After evaluation by a senior military physician, waivers maybe possible if the condition is not so severe as to interfere with an individual's daily participation in rigorous physical training or the wearing of military equipment; nor should it detract from a smart military bearing and appearance.

USUHS graduates must be able to perform their professional medical and military duties without functional limitations in both a field environment and aboard ship. USUHS produces military physicians, not just physicians who happen to wear a military uniform. Physical fitness and ability to function without professional, military or geographic restrictions is essential.

SECTION II: NATIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants who accept an invitation to interview at the School of Medicine must complete forms to undergo a security investigation, which is a criterion for entrance to the School. This requirement applies to all commissioned officers entering the uniformed services and ensures that the military denies admission to individuals who might compromise national security. Individuals who enter the medical school but fail to meet security standards are disenrolled. Although security standards are rigorous, applicants should not be unduly intimidated by them.

Only in rare cases have the standards presented an obstacle for individuals who were otherwise qualified for entry to the School of Medicine. Once applicants are scheduled for an interview at the School, they receive instructions via email for downloading and completing the electronic personnel security questionnaire. The applicant must complete the forms as instructed and submit them to the security office after arriving on campus for interview day. Service members on active duty who have current security clearances must provide verification. When an applicant matriculates at the School, the security questionnaire is sent electronically to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to begin the investigation.

Dual citizenship is important issue that must be resolved on applicant interview day. A dual citizen is one who has citizenship with both the United States and a foreign power. An individual is not eligible for a United States security clearance unless they renounce their dual citizenship, in writing, and sign a statement that they will be willing to destroy their foreign passport, if any.

A potential student who fails (or refuses) to complete the security questionnaire in its entirety, intentionally fails (or refuses) to sign it, makes entries on it that provide reason to believe that his or her acceptance might not be in the best interest of national security, refuses to renounce their dual citizenship, or otherwise fails (or refuses) to answer any pertinent questions in the course of the official investigation is denied admission.

SAT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS TO OBTAIN OLD SCORES

Archived scores:

Once you have left high school and have not tested for a year, the SAT program removes your test scores from their active files. However, your test scores are placed in an archive and can be retrieved for reporting to you and to colleges, universities and scholarship programs that you designate.

How to receive old scores (Fee charged \$31.00):

By Mail

You can request archived scores by mail. Download the Archived Score Report Order Form at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-archived-score-report-order-form.pdf> and complete each section.

Send your completed form and proper payment to the following address:

SAT Program
P.O. Box 7503
London, KY 40742-7503

By Telephone

You can request archived scores by telephone. Call Customer Service at (866) 756-7346, and have the following information ready:

- Current name and address
- Test date and registration number (if available)
- Name and address at the time you tested
- College and scholarship program codes of score recipients
- Credit card number and expiration date

ACT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS TO OBTAIN OLD SCORES

Regular Report

This is a complete report that's processed within one week after your request is received. ACT delivers regular reports to colleges and agencies you've selected depending on their preferred schedule—at least every two weeks.

Fees (effective 9/1/15 through 8/31/16)

Tested after 9/1/2013	Tested before 9/1/2013
\$12.00 per test date per report	\$34.00 per test date per report (includes a nonrefundable \$22.00 archived scores fee)

Priority Report (only to locations within the US)

Priority reports are normally processed **within two working days** after ACT receives your request. Priority reports are usually delivered *three to four business days later*.

Fees (effective 9/1/15 through 8/31/16) Tested after 9/1/2013	Tested before 9/1/2011
\$16.50 per test date per report	\$38.50 per test date per report (includes a nonrefundable \$22.00 archived scores fee)

- If you tested **before September 1, 2013**, those scores have been archived. Archived reports cost **\$22 more per report** and take an **additional working day to process**. This additional fee covers the cost of searching for archived scores and is nonrefundable, even if no scores are located.
- Once you submit your request, by any method, it **cannot be changed or canceled**.
- **Priority reports** can be sent only **within the United States** and include only your identifying information and scores, but not career planning and educational background information.
- As standard follow-up, colleges and agencies that receive your priority report will also receive your complete report when ACT sends additional student reports—at least every two weeks. Colleges that receive reports only electronically might not review priority reports.

Official records are not required to be sent directly to the School of Medicine. However, scores must be provided on the back of the Basic Application Addendum. Do not hold up returning supplemental materials awaiting receipt of SAT/ACT scores. They may be e-mailed to the Admissions Office at admissions@usuhs.edu once you receive them.