



## ADMISSIONS GUIDE



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**Learner Centered**  
**Discovery Driven**  
**Globally Engaged**  
**Patient and Family Focused**

Recruiting the first class of students to begin August 2014.

**Our mission** is to advance the health of humanity through excellence in medical education, clinical care, research, and service. These pursuits are interdependent and together assure optimal care for today and hope for tomorrow.

**Our vision** is for the medical school to be distinguished as learner centered, discovery driven, globally engaged, and patient and family focused.



## Admissions Policy

We welcome students who desire to become outstanding clinicians, educators, researchers, leaders and advocates for patients and the medical profession through an innovative medical school curriculum. We want students who will excel in an interprofessional, collaborative, diverse and technology-driven medical environment. The admissions process incorporates a holistic review to give consideration to the breadth of life experiences, personal attributes, and academic metrics that reflect the value a student brings to the medical school learning community.

## Our Setting

WMU School of Medicine is housed in a 350,000 square foot building located on the W.E. Upjohn Campus in downtown Kalamazoo within walking distance of housing, restaurants, theatres, and public transportation. The donated medical school building is undergoing a \$68 million renovation and expansion project that is scheduled to be completed by May 2014. The new facility includes two team-based learning lecture halls, 14 classrooms, gross anatomy and bioskills labs, an auditorium, four student Learning Communities, a learning commons/library, ample student study space, fitness center, research and administrative space on six floors of the eight-story building. The entire lower level is the Simulation Center with eight simulation rooms, procedure labs, task trainer rooms, 12 standardized patient exam rooms, and six classrooms. As the first building of the new WMU School of Medicine, this inaugural facility will be home to a pioneering class of students and remain relevant to the future generations that will follow in their footsteps. WMU School of Medicine Clinics are located in a modern 60,000 square foot clinical building that provides more than 68,000 outpatient visits annually. There are 22 subspecialty clinics and a full range of on-site ancillary services.



# About WMU School of Medicine

WMU School of Medicine is a collaboration involving Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo's two teaching hospitals, Borgess Health and Bronson Healthcare. Western Michigan University ranks as one of the top 100 public universities in the US and our two teaching hospitals are recognized nationally for innovation and quality. They have provided undergraduate and graduate medical education in Kalamazoo for almost 40 years. The new WMU School of Medicine offers the full continuum of undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education in southwest Michigan. It is a private medical school supported by private gifts, clinical revenue, research activity, student tuition, and endowment income.

## Our Educational Philosophy

At WMU School of Medicine, learning is a shared activity that requires our students to acquire and integrate new knowledge through experiential interaction with faculty, peers, and others in a collegial and supportive atmosphere. Our team-oriented environment enables individual and group learning through problem-based active learning strategies including Simulation-Based Learning, Team-Based Learning, and Case-Based Learning.



# Requirements

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

A baccalaureate degree must be earned prior to matriculation. We will admit students who have demonstrated academic excellence and will consider the rigor of the undergraduate institution.

## TELL US YOUR STORY

We value the unique qualities and life experiences that each individual possesses. Our application process is designed to highlight each individual. Personal qualities will be evaluated by letters of reference, extracurricular activities, the supplemental application, and the on-campus interview process.

## GPA $\geq$ 3.25 AND MCAT $\geq$ 24

Your overall GPA must be at least 3.25 and your MCAT score must be at least 24 for consideration as an applicant.

## PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

We are looking for students who:

- › Can work well with others
- › Know how to problem solve
- › Demonstrate compassion and dedication to serve others
- › Communicate effectively
- › Can make decisions with insight, integrity and sound judgment
- › Demonstrate leadership and responsibility

## WHERE TO APPLY?

[aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/](http://aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/)

## REQUIRED COURSES

- › Biology (two semesters), including content in molecular and cellular biology, fundamentals of genetics and laboratory experience
- › Inorganic chemistry (two semesters), including laboratory experience
- › Organic chemistry (two semesters), including laboratory experience or organic chemistry (one semester), including a laboratory experience, plus biochemistry (one semester)
- › Physics (two semesters), including a laboratory experience
- › English (two semesters), preferably including content in technical writing skills; one semester may be a discipline-specific intensive writing course

Required courses should be taken at an institution that is accredited by a nationally recognized US accrediting agency. These courses should be completed prior to December 31 of the year prior to admission.

## RECOMMENDED COURSES

Psychology/behavioral science, social science, biostatistics, biochemistry, genetics, humanities

## INTERVIEW FORMAT

On-campus interviews will be held on selected Mondays and Fridays between September and March. The interview day will include a one-on-one interview, multiple scenario-based mini interviews, a campus tour, and plenty of time to ask questions.

# Application Timeline

**April 2010 to September 2013:** MCAT scores must be within this period.

**May 2013:** The AMCAS application is available online at [aamc.org/students/amcas](http://aamc.org/students/amcas). This application can be initiated as early as May but no later than November 15, 2013.

**July 2013:** WMU School of Medicine will begin to review applications. Applicants that meet minimum criteria will be invited to complete a supplemental application.

**September 2013:** On-campus interviews begin and continue through March 2014.

**October 15, 2013:** The first acceptance letters will be sent out and will continue to be sent on a rolling basis thereafter.

**January 15, 2014:** All transcripts, letters of recommendation and supplemental applications must be completed.

**May 15, 2014:** Deadline for non-refundable tuition deposit.



## FINANCIAL PLANNING

Tuition plus fees is \$50,000 per year for both in-state and out-of-state residents. This does not include living expenses or health insurance. Students have access to scholarships as well as private loan programs with interest rates comparable to federal student loans.

## DIVERSITY

WMU School of Medicine is committed to the recruitment of students from diverse backgrounds and to their inclusiveness into the medical school's academic community. The medical school embraces a diverse population of students and faculty to promote learning and leadership that is locally engaged, culturally aware, globally competent and prepared to contribute to world knowledge and discovery. Our holistic student admissions process values diversity and recognizes a wide range of both cognitive and non-cognitive attributes of applicants.

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