



Medical School Application Timeline

December before Application Year

- Register for an MCAT preparatory course
- Preview potential MCAT Exam Dates to establish a studying timeline
- Create a rough draft for MCAT Study Schedule

January-April of Application Year

- Request Letters of Recommendation from at least three individuals (2 science, 1 non-science)
- Complete MCAT preparatory course (Kaplan, Princeton etc.)
- Complete 8-9 Practice Exams before your MCAT test date
- Consult the [MSAR](#) to look at stats for prospective MD/DO schools
 - Depending on how many schools you apply to, a prospective budget may also be helpful in order to plan for how much money you will need to spend on applications and traveling for interviews
 - Begin drafting Personal Statement

May of Application Year

- Take your final MCAT
- Draft [Work and Activities](#) Section
- Fill out AMCAS Demographics Section
- Draft list of Medical Schools to apply to by consulting MSAR
- Apply for [application fee waiver](#) if needed

June of Application Year

- Release MCAT score to each application system
- Finalize list of Medical Schools to apply to
- Complete and Submit your AMCAS
- You want to submit your AMCAS as early as possible without sacrificing quality

July-August of Application Year

- Consult websites such as Student Doctor Network or Reddit for previously used Secondary Application Questions to prepare your answers ahead of time
 - Most medical schools reuse the same Secondary Application questions. If you look them up ahead of time you can complete your answers and return your Secondary Application just as quickly as you receive it.
- Begin preparation for medical school admissions interviews
 - Preparation is absolutely key. Practice multiple interview styles with a variety of people to best simulate a realistic interview.

September-May of Application Year

- Continue to sharpen your interview skills to build your confidence
- Review all admission decisions and financial aid offers
- Attend "Second Look" activities at respective universities
- Choose a program best suited to you