



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™

School of Medicine

Operating Policy and Procedure

**SOM OP:** 70.05, **School of Medicine Special Admissions Programs**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this School of Medicine (SOM) Policy and Procedure is to explain the organization of and the criteria for the School of Medicine Special Admissions Programs.

**REVIEW:** This SOM Policy and Procedure shall be reviewed within each or odd-numbered fiscal year by the Office of Admissions and Diversity. Revisions will be forwarded to the Office of the Dean for approval and publication

**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

1. **General.** This policy covers the organization of the School of Medicine Special Admissions Programs.
2. **Undergraduate to Medical School Initiative (UMSI).**
  - a. Primary qualifications include the following:
    - 1) Must be US Citizen.
    - 2) Must be Texas resident.
    - 3) Minimum GPA, SAT and/or ACT scores per agreement with TTU Honors College.
    - 4) Acceptance to TTU Honors College as entering freshmen.
    - 5) Completion of Honors College requirements and participation in program-required volunteer and healthcare-related activities.
  - b. Students apply during the fall of their senior year in high school.
  - c. Interviews for UMSI:
    - 1) Interviews are by invitation during the spring of the students' senior year in high school.
    - 2) The number of interviews is limited to 40.
  - d. Students accepted into UMSI will not be allowed to take the MCAT except for scholarship applications. In consideration for scholarship purposes, the students may *only* take the MCAT after February 1st (medical school match day) in the year they will matriculate into the TTUHSC SOM.
  - e. Application to TTUHSC School of Medicine.
    - 1) UMSI students will submit an application through TMDAS the summer of the year prior to their scheduled matriculation.

- 2) No additional interview is required for matriculation unless the UMSI student is requesting to matriculate a year early.

### 3. **Honor's Program Early Admissions Program (EAP).**

- a. Agreements are in place with the following undergraduate institutions for Honors College Early Acceptance Programs:
  - 1) Texas Tech University
  - 2) Austin College
  - 3) San Angelo State University
  - 4) West Texas A&M University
- b. Primary qualifications include the following:
  - 1) Must be US Citizen.
  - 2) Must be Texas resident.
  - 3) Minimum GPA, SAT and/or ACT scores per agreement with Honors Program at the respective school.
  - 4) Acceptance to Honors Program as entering freshmen.
  - 5) Completion of Honors Program requirements and participation in program-required volunteer and healthcare-related activities.
- c. Students apply during the fall of their junior year in college. There is no limit on the number of students applying per year, but total number accepted through EAP will not exceed 10% of the entering class.
- d. Students accepted into an EAP will not be allowed to take the MCAT except for scholarship applications. In consideration for scholarship purposes, the students may *only* take the MCAT after February 1st (medical school match day) in the year they will matriculate into TTUHSC SOM.
- e. Application to TTUHSC School of Medicine. EAP students will submit an application through TMDSAS the summer of the year prior to their junior year of college.
- f. Interviews for EAP applicants.
  - 1) Interviews are by invitation during the fall of the student's junior year in college.
  - 2) There is no limit to the number of students interviewed through the EAP.
  - 3) No additional interview is required for matriculation unless the student is requesting to matriculate a year early.

### 4. **AAMC Early Decision Program (EDP).**

- a. Applicants must apply through TMDSAS and pay associated fee.
- b. Applicants must complete their TMDSAS application, TTUHSC School of Medicine Secondary Application (and payment of associated fee), and have all supporting

- documents (MCAT Scores, transcripts and letters of evaluation) submitted to TMSAS by August 1st of the application year.
- c. Applicant must indicate their intention to apply through the AAMC Early Decision Program on the TMSAS application.
  - d. Applicants to the AAMC EDP may not apply to any other medical schools.
  - e. Applicants will be reviewed in a holistic manner just as all other applicants to the School of Medicine.
  - f. Applicants must have received a score of 30 on the “old MCAT” (prior to MCAT 2015). Applicants taking the MCAT after 2015 will be considered based on the competitiveness of their scores.
  - g. Applicants will be notified of invitation to interview and offers of acceptance on or before September 15th.
  - h. If an applicant is not selected for interview as part of the AAMC EDP, he or she is released and can apply to any other medical school. In-turn, the applicant will be given consideration in the general applicant pool for TTUHSC School of Medicine.