

	
Question	Answer(s)
Is it better to have a science major or is it okay to have a major unrelated to science (ex.business) to apply to medical school?	Students can pursue any major and still identify as pre-med. Charlie will be covering some general academic requirements.
Does going to UCR benefit admission to medical school due to its "UC reputation" , regardless of the medical school, or does undergrad not really matter?	A student's undergraduate college is not a medical school admissions factor.
How is the process for people who want to go to medical school and become a doctor, but are physically disabled? It is my dream to go to medical school, but I'm physically disabled. I'm an incoming freshman majoring in Neuroscience on a pre-med track and plan to apply to UCR medical school in the future.	That is a long and layer conversations. You would want to meet with your pre-health advisor and Student Disability Resource Center once you enroll at UCR or the college you choose.
Does UCR have any specific programs for students pursuing a career in pharmaceuticals?	Student's often major in BCH or Chem when pursuing a Master's Degree in Pharmacology.
Does UCR have a PA program?	PA is a Master's degree that is not offered at UCR.

<p>Could we meet with a counselor or advisor for pre-med before decision day? I would like some insight on how to plan my first year (courses, clubs) before I commit to UCR.</p>	<p>You would meet with a pre-health advisor after matriculation to UCR. Feel free to ask your questions during this session. This session is designed to assist students in selecting their undergraduate college.</p>
<p>How many advisors?</p>	<p>HPAC has two full time staff advisors.</p>
<p>I'm a soldier for the US Army Reserve, to come to UCR I will need to defer my enrollment but the training i receive is of a Combat Medic Specialist, EMT in the civilian world. Can I transfer some class credit from the military?</p>	<p>This is a very specific question that would need to be address with the Veterans Resource Center.</p>
<p>What prominent medical schools are UCR students typically admitted to?</p>	<p>se.ucr.edu/hpac/other-resources (at the bottom)</p>
<p>Is oncology a part of the UCR health career options?</p>	<p>No, Oncology is a medical speciality that is completed after medical school.</p>
<p>Is there any advantage for the UCR undergraduates to get into UCR medical school – MD program (Medicine)?</p>	<p>Yes, the UCR SOM reserves 24 seats for UCR undergraduates/alumni.</p>

<p>Are Ambassadors UCR SOM students?</p>	<p>No, they are undergraduate students.</p>
<p>Is there a healthcare administration program and if so, I am able to to join as a pre-business major?</p>	<p>No, UCR does not offer a Master's Degree in Health Administrative. Many of our students interested in MHA will complete an undergrad in Business or Public Policy.</p>
<p>Does UCR offer physiology as a major?</p>	<p>No, CNAS does not offer a degree in Physiology.</p>
<p>Does UCR offer all the prerequisites for someone interested in Vet School?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Is taking the AP Bio exam worth it? I've heard some medical schools don't accept AP Bio credit.</p>	<p>Medical schools will not accept AP credit for required courses.</p>
<p>Does UCR have any PT related clubs/student organizations?</p>	<p>No, we don't. You do not have a degree in Kinesiology or Exercise Science therefore we do not have many pre-PT students.</p>

<p>Is the MCAT needed for admission to med school?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>What are some pre-med clubs available to undergraduate students?</p>	<p>There are like 58. . . All UCR clubs can be found here: highlanderlink.ucr.edu</p>
<p>About what % of UCR premeds get into medical school each year? If you don't know, who could I contact to find out?</p>	<p>About 28%. Nationally the average is about 35%.</p>
<p>Does the advising center offer MCAT preparation and support?</p>	<p>No, UCR does not offer MCAT prep.</p>
<p>What is the difference between pre-medicine and pre-pharmacy? Or are they the same</p>	<p>They are complete different careers.</p>
<p>If I want to go to PA school, is a CMDB major ok or should I change to a Biology major?</p>	<p>Either is fine, however, PA schools do not require Ochem and Phys, which are required for the majors you listed above.</p>

<p>Is a cmdb major a good major for entering medical school?</p>	<p>There is no required major for medical school.</p>
<p>What can high school students do right now in the pandemic?</p>	<p>Gain clinical experience with various health providers so that you gain a realistic understanding of the role of health care workers.</p>
<p>How do students find health professionals to shadow?</p>	<p>Networking.</p>
<p>When can we join pre-med clubs?</p>	<p>Once you matriculate in the Fall.</p>
<p>Are there clubs that offer mcat preparation at ucr?</p>	<p>No, UCR does not offer MCAT prep.</p>
<p>Which major would you recommend if I want to go PA school?</p>	<p>There is no required major for pre-PA. Many students choose CNAS majors, but many also choose majors in CHASS.</p>

<p>How does AP credit work with knocking out some GE courses? I'm not sure how to use the table on the UC website to determine which classes I am excused from taking.</p>	<p>Please address this question with undergraduate admissions. Medical schools do not accept AP credit for required courses.</p>
<p>Can you put up the contact information again, please?</p>	<p>se.ucr.edu/hpac/overview</p>
<p>For one deciding between a full ride offer to a smaller school of 1,300 and UCR, which pick may be the best to ensure admission into medical school?</p>	<p>Medical schools will look at your academic record to see that you've done well. . . this can be at a small or large school. . . public or private. Choose the school that feels right for you!</p>
<p>Where can we find sample course plan for eap academic requirements?</p>	<p>Your major advisor can provide you with a sample course plan.</p>
<p>How do you join a pipeline program?</p>	<p>pipelineprograms.ucr.edu</p>
<p>Does general surgery include non-invasive cardiology?</p>	<p>I am not sure. Residency placements are after completion of medical school.</p>

<p>How does UCR help students get clinical experience as there are only one hospital and plenty of competition?</p>	<p>We provide local options, but students will still need to apply to clinical positions.</p>
<p>How do I apply to clinics to gain experience once I'm and undergraduate student at UCR?</p>	<p>You apply to programs at local hospitals. There are no clinical opps ON campus.</p>
<p>How large is the UCR Medical School's class on average?</p>	<p>I think 77, but only 24 seats are for UCR students/alumni. So 24.</p>
<p>Has UCR SOM ever accepted more than 24 UCR undergraduates?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Is there a limited number of credits we can take at one time? I'm planning to do a pre-med track, but I am pursuing a social science major.</p>	<p>I think 20 units is the cap per quarter.</p>
<p>How would one stick out from the competitive pre-med crowd?</p>	<p>GPA, MCAT, activities, LOR, STRONG WRITING SKILLS and strong Interviewing skills.</p>

<p>Can we apply to the EAP again if we were not admitted into the program?</p>	<p>No. You can only apply to EAP once.</p>
<p>can AP Calc credit be used to check off the calculus requirement?</p>	<p>It does satisfy your degree requirements, however, medical schools will not accept AP credit for required courses.</p>
<p>Is there separate testing done for EAP applicants?</p>	<p>No. The MCAT is not required for EAP></p>
<p>How many units do I need to take to ensure I will graduate in four (4) years?</p>	<p>180 units total or 15 units per quarter is required to complete a degree. But that is a question for your major advisor.</p>
<p>are there reports on admitted students into the program to take a look at for comparison? Thank you! :)</p>	<p>Can you please explain what you mean?</p>
<p>Is there any transportation for first year pre meds interested in doing clinical work outside of campus?</p>	<p>No.</p>

<p>Is the EAP binding?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>What level of Calculus is required for medical school?</p>	<p>Two quarter of Calculus and one quarter of stat.</p>
<p>Is there an advantage of applying to the EAP in December as opposed to late March right before the deadline?</p>	<p>No. It is a deadline admissions program, not rolling admissions like when applying to AMCAS.</p>
<p>If someone applies to Thomas Haider and gets accepted are they required to attend the UC Riverside school of medicine?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>My apologies as that might have come off as confusing. I was wondering if there were reports of stats to look at the 24 applicants who were accepted from prior years. I hope that makes sense!</p>	<p>Individual school admissions data can be found in the MSAR. The average GPA for EAP is 3.7 - does that help?</p>
<p>How admission works for regular Thomas Haider Program? Do I need MCAT?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

<p>Does that mean that if we applied through AMCAS as a UCR Student we no longer have the opportunity to choose between schools?</p>	<p>Applying through AMCAS allows you to apply to the UCR SOM as well as any other US MD program. Applying to EAP is ONLY applying to UCR SOM.</p>
<p>When is a good time to start getting clinical experience before you apply to medical school?</p>	<p>ASAP. Many students move away from medicine (towards a different health career) after gaining clinical experiences.</p>
<p>For clarification: are there undergrad volunteering opportunities for pre-med students within UCR's SHS?</p>	<p>What is SHS?</p>
<p>What are some examples of community service things that we can do? Are there any offered at UCR?</p>	<p>There are unlimited ways to serve your community. UCR has over 400 student orgs: https://highlanderlink.ucr.edu/</p>
<p>Are there any pipeline programs for UCR students who are planning to go to PA school?</p>	<p>No. But we do have a pre-PA student org called PAT.</p>
<p>What are typical stats(GPA/MCAT) required for Regular TH program?</p>	<p>510+</p>

<p>Are there workshops or training programs available through UCR that help with getting jobs to gain clinical experience (like becoming a medical scribe, EMT, etc.)</p>	<p>No, UCR does not have any medical license programs.</p>
<p>if you cannot attend the future physicians program this summer, can you do it next summer?</p>	<p>Yes!</p>
<p>Is a certified administrative medical assistant a good way to get experience for medical school?</p>	<p>Yes! Paid medical experience is a great way to better understand your health interest.</p>
<p>Would I be at a disadvantage if I cannot attend the fast start program?</p>	<p>Fast Start is a pretty small program - I think like ~20 students, so most students don't do Fast Start and can still be successful!</p>
<p>Can we put the future physicians program or fast start on our medical school application?</p>	<p>Yes. Any activity post HS graduation can be included in your medical school app.</p>
<p>For the Future Physician Leaders, do we need to live near Riverside to do it this summer?</p>	<p>FPL is offered in Riverside/SB, Temecula, and Palm Desert.</p>

<p>Could you please post that page for pre-requisites please?</p>	<p>somsa.ucr.edu/admission-medical-school</p>
<p>I will have a lot of combat medic specialist experience from the US Reserves by the time I apply for med school, does that count as experience?</p>	<p>Yes. It was also be great for PA as PA program require paid medical experience. We see many TR student or corpman interested in PA.</p>
<p>Is AP spanish account for recommended humanities course?</p>	<p>I don't believe UCR SOM requires Spanish, but it would definitely help!</p>
<p>Are CLEP exam credits accepted?</p>	<p>I am not sure what the CLEP is - can you please explain?</p>
<p>When would be a good time to get clinical experience for med school?</p>	<p>ASAP! Many students move away from medical (toward a difference health career) after gaining clinical experiences.</p>
<p>Since I need to defer my enrollment to Spring 2022, how would that be a disadvantage to getting my degree in 4 years and going to med school?</p>	<p>I assume it would still take you 4 years to complete your degree, so I think think there would be an issue there.</p>

<p>@Amber, CLEP is run by the college board. The exams are similar to AP exams in that they provide a chance to gain college credits but only certain colleges accept them. I was wondering if the UCR medical school would recognize those credits for certain pre-requisite courses.</p>	<p>Medical schools will not accept AP/IB credit for required courses. I assume the same is true for CLEP.</p>
<p>Are the credits from IGETC accepted?</p>	<p>Only by CHASS.</p>
<p>What is a good amount of clinical hours for medical school?</p>	<p>hmm. I would say 150+ of hospital volunteering and 80+ hours of shadowing to start.</p>
<p>What is UCR's acceptance into outside medical schools? Not EAP or TH.</p>	<p>Last year it was 28%</p>
<p>I live in the Bay Area, so will I be eligible for the FPL program?</p>	<p>I think so? I will try to ask if we have time.</p>
<p>Do you need to have paid clinical experience or can it be volunteering or shadowing?</p>	<p>Depends on the profession. PA schools require Paid medical exp - usually 2K hours or more</p>

<p>Does UCR provide any pharmacy/pharmacology programs?</p>	<p>Not at the undergraduate level. Pharm is a doctorate degree and pharmacology is a master's program.</p>
<p>Will I be able to meet with an academic advisor regarding my pre-med track during orientation in the summer?</p>	<p>Yes, you meet with your academic advisor during orientation when registering for courses.</p>
<p>If you go through with the EAP and get accepted, but decide to go to another medical school, can you deny your acceptance?</p>	<p>No. EAP is binding.</p>
<p>Is the early assurance program a binding program?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>I've heard that "one year" of certain courses are required for medical school. How does this translate into quarters? (ex. If you need "one year" of Biology classes, how many quarters would you need to take?)</p>	<p>One year = three quarters.</p>
<p>How much clinical experience is recommended for admissions to Med School?</p>	<p>I would start with 150+ hospital volunteering and 80+ hours of shadowing to start.</p>

<p>Can you take courses required for medical school over the summer? (I'm the one facing the issue of deferred enrollment.)</p>	<p>Ideally, medical schools pre-reqs are taken at a 4-yr school.</p>
<p>Could you share the admitted students profile for the EAP program?</p>	<p>somsa.ucr.edu/thomas-haider-early-assurance-program www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iqGpaqSTZE</p>
<p>In EAP, how long one need to serve in Socal? Does time count residency as well?</p>	<p>EAP is different than the mission scholarship</p>
<p>Does Thomas Haider and other med school adcoms give different weightage to different ECs? How important is research compared to clinical and non medical volunteering for eg?</p>	<p>Yes - there are over 200 medical schools so each committee is a little different.</p>
<p>Can you meet with an advisor during summer and start taking summer classes on a pre-med track?</p>	<p>You will attend orientation over summer.</p>
<p>Where is typical residency assigned? Is it guaranteed acceptance?</p>	<p>Residency applications are done during your 4th year of medical school.</p>

Does UCR offer summer courses for pre-med requisites?	Yes. summer.ucr.edu
Do you have to shadow a doctor you personally know?	Not ideally, they should refer you to a colleagues who can have an objective relationship with you.
with the pandemic and all, are certified virtual shadowing programs accepted as a way to get experience before we get involved in other things?	Yes.
Is the acceptance rate of 33% to medical school for four (4) year students, or include alumni/post bacc?	Yes, 35% is the national average acceptance rate of all students.
Why is it important to have shadowing with doctors you do not know personally?	Because they can't objectively evaluate you in a LOR.
	This information is accurate and reliable at the time of posting but may change without notice. Please contact Undergraduate Admissions for the most up-to-date information.