

George Washington Early Selection Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the GWU Early Selection Program?

This program is intended to encourage talented sophomores at the University of Maryland to gain provisional acceptance into The George Washington University's M.D. program at the conclusion of their sophomore year.

2. Who is eligible to apply to the program?

Competitive students who demonstrate high *academic achievement* in both science and non-science curriculum. Students must have an overall GPA of 3.3 or higher (to include no science grade lower than a B- by the end of their third semester) and have declared their major. Applicants should be **completing their fourth semester** at the University of Maryland and **have completed a minimum of 60 credits** by the end of the semester during which they apply.

3. What if I transferred to the University of Maryland at any time?

Unfortunately, you are not eligible for this program

4. What courses do I need to take in order to apply to this program?

Students are required to have completed a minimum of four pre-medical science courses by the end of their fourth semester at UMD. These courses **must be** two semesters of chemistry and two semesters of biology **or** physics. If you are unsure of which specific courses to take, visit the Health Professions Advising Office (HPAO) during walk-in advising hours or visit the "Recommended Courses" section on the pre-medical website.

5. What are the typical criteria for admission into the program?

The program considers multiple aspects of achievement. This includes high school performance, SAT or ACT scores, grades during the first two years of undergraduate education, extracurricular activities, clinical experience, interview skills, letters of recommendation, and the **content and presentation** of the application.

6. Where can I get the application materials?

Applications materials can be picked up in the HPAO in 0129 Chemistry Bldg. They will also be available from the website but must be submitted to the HPAO. Applications cannot be submitted directly to GWU.

7. What should I do once I get all my application materials completed?

Once students have all application materials compiled and completed, they are required to submit these materials to HPAO. An advisor will review the application for proper completion and ensure that all requirements are fulfilled. HPAO is responsible for mailing all application materials for all applicants to George Washington University. HPAO **will not** forward materials for applicants who do not meet the minimum criteria or who miss the posted deadline.

8. Who should I contact for further information?

If you have questions, need additional information, or would like advising regarding this program, you may contact the Premedical Advisor in HPAO. Also, general questions may be posted to preprof@deans.umd.edu. Please put GWEA in the subject heading.

9. If I don't get accepted into this program, can I still apply to George Washington University in the future?

Absolutely!

10. Do AP Credits count as satisfying the requirements?

AP courses are accepted to satisfy pre-med requirements, but students are expected to continue in the discipline so that four pre-medical courses with grades appear on the UMD transcripts by the end of the fourth semester.

11. What is the cost of the GWEA application?

There is no cost of the GWEA application, but students who are accepted will need to pay the AMCAS Early Decision fee when they apply in the summer following their junior year.

12. If I accept my offer from GWEA, can I still apply to other schools in my junior year?

You enter a binding contract when you accept your offer from GWEA. If you choose to apply to other schools, you must notify GWU and your GWEA offer will be cancelled.

13. Should I take the MCAT?

No. GWEA does not require students to complete the MCAT, nor do they want students to take it. Students who elect to take the MCAT must notify GWU of their plans and forfeit their GWEA offer.

Please use this information in conjunction with the checklist and other information available on our website.

Good Luck!!!!