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## The George Washington University Early Assurance Program

### Overview

This program is intended to encourage talented and committed premedical students at the University of Maryland to gain provisional early acceptance to The George Washington University's M.D. program. Upon graduating from the University of Maryland, the student will enter The George Washington's Medical School. Students apply to the program in the spring semester of their sophomore year. To be highly competitive for this program, students must begin their academic planning at the beginning of their freshmen year.

### Requirements for Selection to the Program

- A. **Procedure:** Students who wish to apply to this program must do so through the Health Professions Advising office at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus.
- B. **Eligibility:** Students wishing to apply to the program must demonstrate high academic achievement in both science and non-science courses. To be eligible, students must have achieved a minimum of a 3.3 overall GPA with no science grade lower than a B- by the end of their third semester and also have declared an academic major. To continue eligibility after acceptance to the program and matriculation to medical school, students must maintain a minimum overall GPA through the completion of their undergraduate degree.
- C. **Residence:** Applicants should be in the second semester of their sophomore year. Applicants should be completing four semesters at the University of Maryland and have completed a minimum of 60 credits by the end of the semester during which they apply (a case by case review will be conducted for students starting UMD in the spring of their freshmen year). Students transferring into their sophomore year to the University of Maryland, College Park are ineligible.
- D. **Courses:** Students are required to have completed a minimum of four medical science courses by the end of their fourth semester at University of Maryland. These courses must include two semesters of Chemistry and two semesters of Biology or Physics.

- E. **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Scores:** Students must submit SAT (or ACT) scores plus high school transcripts. These are the only test scores that we expect to receive. Students who are accepted into the program *will not* have to take the MCAT. In general students should have achieved an SAT score of at least 1200. Students will not normally be eligible for this program with SAT scores below 1200.
- F. **Application:** In addition to the application (which is to be completed *through* the pre-med advising office at the University of Maryland), students will be required to submit a description of their academic goals for the last two years of completing their bachelors degree at the University of Maryland. Please include a two-year projection of specific coursework. Students must inform GWU how their course work and academic plans might change if they are accepted. An honest and complete statement of planned courses (including, when possible, course numbers) and projects will be expected. The application, three letters of recommendation and additional materials will be due to the pre-medical advisor by March 9th. Competitive applicants will be invited for an interview in June at the GWU campus. The medical school's committee on admissions will review applications and make final decisions, usually by July.

### **Selection**

The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences selects gifted and sensitive students who can be expected to have distinguished careers as physicians. Criteria for selection will include: High school performance, grades in the first two undergraduate years, SAT or ACT scores, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, and content and presentation of the entire application.

A very small number of applicants will be invited for interviews. There is no minimum or maximum number for selection. Please note this is a very competitive program. Selected applicants will be those academically gifted who appear to have, in addition to the maturity necessary to make a career decision at this stage, the ability to make the best use of a broader range of undergraduate education opportunities that selection for this program will encourage. An important consideration for selection will be the student's planned education program during the remainder of the undergraduate years. The program requires continued academic rigor.

### **Preparation for Matriculation into GWU's Medical School**

GWU's aim is to matriculate all students selected for this program. However, to ensure that our medical students are of the highest caliber, both academically and personally, acceptance into the M.D. program is provisional.

Following each of the four remaining semesters at University of Maryland students are required to submit, for review by the Assistant Dean of Admissions the following each semester: (a) academic transcripts, (b) a list of courses scheduled for the coming semester, and (c) a brief update on activities and involvement for the semester passed.

This update should be prepared in consultation with the pre-medical advisor at the University of Maryland. Completion of planned courses; meeting all requirements for admission to medical school except scores on the MCAT; minimum overall GPA of 3.3 with a grade of B- or better in all science coursework; and having had no substantiated allegations of inappropriate academic or personal comportment will be expected. If questions arise suggesting that a student may not be acceptable to the medical school, the student will be warned in writing as soon as possible. Students must maintain their relationship with their undergraduate academic advisors and receive their baccalaureate degrees before matriculation into the M.D. program.

Candidates who are admitted to the program are expected to have a very strong interest in attending The George Washington University, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Students are responsible for notifying the Assistant Dean of Admissions and the pre-medical advisor of their intentions in writing during the summer following their junior year.

A grade of B- or below, a grade of incomplete, or a semester GPA lower than 3.3 could be grounds for the student being dropped from the program or not being certified for matriculation. Students who fall into this category will be placed on a probation status by the Early Assurance Committee. **Students must meet all provisions set forth above.**