The 2020 AMCAS Application

Webinar for Prehealth Advisors

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Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Agenda

- AMCAS Application
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- AMCAS Letter Service
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- The Advisor Information System (AIS)
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How does AMCAS work?

Application Submitted
- Applicant completes & submits AMCAS application online
- Applicant pays submission fees (or uses valid Fee Assistance Program benefits)

Application Processed
- Applicant arranges for all required official transcripts to be sent to AMCAS
- AMCAS performs verification of coursework and calculates AMCAS GPAs

Application Delivered
- AMCAS distributes verified application to designated med schools
- AMCAS delivers letters to designated med schools as they are received

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Applying to Medical School with AMCAS®

The American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) is the AAMC's centralized medical school application processing service. Most U.S. medical schools use AMCAS as the primary application method for their first-year entering classes.

AMCAS® Sign In

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As of April 22, AMCAS is:

- Marking transcripts as "Received" delivered on April 17.
- Verifying applications that reached "Ready for Review" status on April 19.
- Processing Academic Change Requests submitted on April 19.

Contact AMCAS®
# 2020 Application Dates

## Application Deadlines

- Application must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET of the deadline date
- Transcript deadlines: must be received by AMCAS within 14 calendar days of the application deadline date
  - Must be received by August 1 for EDP applicants
- Visit [www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines](http://www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines)

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### 2020 AMCAS Application Fees:

- $170 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- $40 for each additional school

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The AMCAS Application

- Identifying Information
- Schools Attended
- Biographic Information
- Course Work
- Work/Activities
- Letters of Evaluation
- Medical Schools
- Essay(s)
- Standardized Tests
Accessing the Application

Sign In

AAMC Username

Password

Forgot your username? | Forgot your password?

Sign In

Create AAMC Account

Register for an AAMC account to begin accessing products and services.

Create AAMC Account

Need help?
AAMC Registration

FYI: applicants should only complete registration if they do not have an AAMC ID.
Select “2020 Application Cycle”
AMCAS Main Menu

Dejanira Cruz
AAMC ID 21188486
Date of Birth 12/18/1994
Email dejanira@gmail.com

Sex Female
Country of Birth USA
Birth State CA
Birth City Santa Ana

Application - Not Submitted to AMCAS
Identifying Information Incomplete
Schools Attended Incomplete
Biographic Information Incomplete
Course Work Incomplete
Work/Activities Incomplete
Letters of Evaluation Incomplete
Medical Schools Incomplete
Essays Incomplete
Standardized Tests Incomplete

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- Learn more about the AAMC Fee Assistance Program
- View AMCAS Participating Medical Schools and Deadlines
- Find AMCAS resources on the Tools and Tutorials page
- Visit the AMCAS website
- Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)

My Document Statuses
- Transcripts (0)
- Letters of Evaluation (0)

You have no transcripts attached to your application
You have no letters attached to your application

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View All Document Statuses
Identifying Information

- **Legal Name**
- **Preferred Name**
- Alternate Names
- ID Numbers
- Birth & Sex

Some information is centrally managed by AAMC and cannot be edited on this page. To add your legal name, preferred name, birth, and sex, go to My AAMC Profile.

**Legal Name**

- **Salutation**
  - Select Salutation

- **First Name**
  - Dejanira

- **Last Name**
  - Cruz

- **Middle Name**

- **Suffix**
  - Select Suffix

To add your Legal Name, go to My AAMC Profile.

**Preferred Name**

- **Salutation**
Identifying Information

Birth & Sex

These questions are intended to provide medical schools with information about the many ways in which an applicant could contribute to diversity at their institution.

Sex
- Male
- Female
- Decline to Answer

To edit your Sex, go to My AAMC Profile

What is your current gender identity?
- Male
- Female
- Trans male/Trans man
- Trans female/Trans woman
- Genderqueer/Gender non-conforming
- Different Identity

Please select the set of pronouns you want people to use to refer to you.

Select Pronoun

To edit your Birth Information, go to My AAMC Profile
Schools Attended

Add College

Country
Select Country

Program Type
Select Program Type

Start Date
MM/YYYY

End Date
MM/YYYY

Other Options
- Summer School Only
- Study Abroad Program

Advisor Release

The school-designated advisor(s) have met AMCAS-established requirements and are bound by confidentiality. Information transferred includes your personal/demographic information, work/activity information, credit hours, MCAT scores, GPAs, the names and types of your recommenders, the names of any other schools you have attended, the medical schools to which you have applied and what action those schools have taken, and the status of your application with AMCAS. Additionally, if you applied for fee assistance through the AAMC Fee Assistance Program, and in your fee assistance application agreed to release award information to your health professions advisor this information will be made available along with your application information.

Do you authorize AMCAS to release your application information to the school-designated advisor(s) at this institution?

- Yes
- No
Schools Attended

Transcript Request

Note: One official transcript is required from each U.S., U.S. Territorial, or Canadian post-secondary institution at which you have attempted course work, regardless of whether credit was earned.

If you click Yes, you must have an official transcript sent to AMCAS by the Registrar’s Office of the institution.

If you click No, this means that you are submitting a Transcript Exception Request and does not preclude you from transcript requirements. AMCAS will review your request and notify you if your Transcript Exception is not granted. This may result in delays for processing your application.

Does AMCAS require an official transcript from this school? Generally, a transcript is required. Please review this additional information if you need assistance in determining if a transcript is required. *

- Yes
- No

[Buttons: Cancel, Save]
Schools Attended
Biographic Information

Preferred Address

Country *
Select Country

Address 1 *
Street number and name

City:

Day Phone *

Evening Phone
Biographic Information

Military Service

Have you or are you currently serving in the United States Military? *
- Yes
- No
- Decline to Answer

Please indicate your anticipated military status at the time of enrollment to medical school *
- Active Duty
- Veteran
- US Reserves or National Guard
- Other

Are you eligible for any of the following GI Bills? *
- Yes
- No
- Montgomery GI Bill
- Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Other

Please provide your date of separation *

MM/YYYY
Biographic Information

**Edit Parent / Guardian**

Please enter the following information about all your parents or guardians.

**Name**

Cynthia Williams

**Occupation**

Secretary or Administrative Assistant

**Living?**

- Yes
- No
- Don’t know

**Sex**

- Male
- Female
- Decline to Answer

**Highest Education Level**

**Degree**

High School Graduate (high school diploma or equivalent)

**Highest Education Level School Location**

United States

**State**

Georgia
Course Work

You must enter all of the courses you took at each school. Prior to entering your coursework, you are encouraged to watch some brief tutorials that will guide you through the process of entering your coursework. Click on the links below to learn about the process of entering coursework:

- Watch Basic Coursework Tutorial
- Watch AP Coursework/Credit Tutorial
- Watch Current and Future Coursework Tutorial (where you have not yet earned a grade)
- Watch Study Abroad Coursework Tutorial

Please review additional information about coursework in the AMCAS Applicant Guide.

If you do not need to enter coursework for any of your schools attended, please select None for the applicable school(s). In order for AMCAS to process your application, all required coursework must be entered. Please refer to the AMCAS Applicant Guide for more information about entering coursework.
Don’t forget!
Applicants should use a personal copy of their official transcript to complete this section.
Work/Activities

- Maximum of 15 entries
- Applicants can enter 3 additional date ranges for repeated activities
- Maximum of 3 “Most Meaningful”
Letters of Evaluation

Applicants can submit their application before AMCAS receives their letters.
Applicants should be sure to select the correct program type and be mindful of program and transcript deadlines.
Consider and write your Personal Comments carefully; many admissions committees place significant weight on this section. Make sure you proofread carefully because no changes may be made after you submit your application. What information should I consider including in my personal comments?

Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school.

I want to go to medical school

Some questions you may want to consider while drafting this essay are:

- Why have you selected the field of medicine?
- What motivates you to learn more about medicine?
- What do you want medical schools to know about you that hasn’t been disclosed in another section of the application?

In addition, you may wish to include information such as:

- Special hardships, challenges or obstacles that may have influenced your educational pursuits
- Commentary on significant fluctuations in your academic record which are not explained elsewhere in your application

Ok
MD/PhD Essay

Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s).

Please state your reasons for wishing to pursue the combined MD/PhD degree.*
Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s).

I really, really want to be a doctor!

Significant Research Hours

Please enter your total hours of prior research experience.*
Applicants should indicate any future MCAT testing dates.

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**MCAT Scores**

**MCAT® Scores**

Below you will see all MCAT scores that were taken since April 1991. If you have taken the MCAT recently and scores for that MCAT administration do not appear below, note that these scores may be pending for inclusion in your AMCAS application.

Please review your MCAT scores. If you have any questions, please contact MCAT: (202) 628-0690, mcat@aamc.org.

### MCAT® Exam Scores - After January 31, 2015

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<th>Total Score</th>
<th>Confidence Band ¹</th>
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<th>Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills</th>
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<td>482</td>
<td>480 to 484</td>
<td>6 %</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>7 %</td>
<td>118</td>
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**Notes:**
- ¹Test scores, like other measurements, are not perfectly precise. The confidence bands that are shown for the Total Scores above mark the ranges in which your true scores probably lie. To obtain the confidence band for each section score, subtract one point from and add one point to the score.
- ²The percentile ranks of scores are the percentages of test takers who received the same scores or lower scores than you did. The percentile ranks are updated on May 1 every year to reflect the results from previous calendar year(s).
Certification Statements

Last step of application: certify data is accurate, submit, and pay processing fee.
AMCAS Verification Process

Transcripts
- All required official transcripts are required before an application can join the verification queue
- AMCAS accepts PDF eTranscripts from approved senders

Processing
- From date of “Ready to Review” application status, about 6 weeks
- Find processing updates on Twitter (@AMCASinfo) and on the AMCAS application sign in page

Diagram:
- Application Submitted
- All Official Transcripts Received
- Verification Queue
AMCAS Verification

# of business days to complete verification

June    July    Aug    Sept    Oct    Nov    Dec

2019AY:
- June: 6
- July: 6
- Aug: 23
- Sept: 19
- Oct: 9
- Nov: 3
- Dec: 4

2018AY:
- June: 6
- July: 6
- Aug: 19
- Sept: 19
- Oct: 13
- Nov: 3
- Dec: 1
Application Reminders

- Criminal Background Checks
- Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants
Criminal Background Checks

- Participating schools have checks run on accepted or waitlisted applicants
- Certiphi Screening, Inc. will notify applicants when the CBC has been initiated
- Applicants have 10 calendar days to review their report
- No additional charge to the applicant for this service

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Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants

Recommendations to help ensure that all MD and MD-PhD applicants receive timely notification about the outcome of their AMCAS® application. These guidelines are not intended to supersede the policies, timelines, or discretion of individual schools or programs. Each applicant is expected to become familiar with the procedures and requirements of each school to which they apply.

The following steps are recommended to help ensure that all MD and MD-PhD applicants receive timely notification about the outcome of their applications, and to protect schools and programs from having unfilled positions in their entering classes. These protocols are often referred to as “Traffic Rules” by admissions officers and prehealth advisors. Prospective applicants, their advisors, and admission staff at medical schools and programs should all be aware of these Application and Acceptance Protocols for applicants. An applicant’s actions during the admissions process should be conducted in the spirit of professionalism and ethics expected of a future physician.

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Letters of Evaluation

Submission Methods:
- AMCAS Letter Writer Application
- Interfolio
- Mail

Receive letters electronically, on a rolling basis after an application is verified

www.aamc.org/amcasletters
Letters of Evaluation

Letters of Evaluation Received, 2015AY – 2019AY

May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

2015
2016
2017
2018
2019

0
10,000
20,000
30,000
40,000
50,000
60,000
AMCAS Letter Writer Application

- Use your AAMC account (or create one) to securely upload PDFs!

services.aamc.org/letterwriter/
AIS Access & Resources

• Visit https://students-residents.aamc.org/advisors/advisor-information-system/

• Get info about gaining access to AIS, report instructions, and other helpful resources
Advisor Information System (AIS)

- Applicant data from students who have released their information to school-designated advisors
- Statement of Confidentiality

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Prehealth Advisors
As a prehealth advisor, you have a critical role in guiding your students on their individual paths to medical school. The AAMC provides accurate, reliable resources and tools on medical school admission requirements, financial aid, the application process, and more, to support you in providing the best guidance to your students.
2019 Fee Assistance Program

The AAMC believes that the cost of applying to medical school should not be a barrier to those who are interested in becoming physicians.

Fee Assistance program benefits are not retroactive! Please encourage advisees to apply well before they register for MCAT or submit their AMCAS application.

aamc.org/fap
Fee Assistance Program

• Benefits:
  • Awardees can use benefits for up to two calendar years

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• Eligibility:
  • Please see website
Fee Assistance Program

- Website resources to direct your advisees to:
  - What You Need to Apply
  - 2019 Fee Assistance Program Essentials
  - Fee Assistance Program FAQ’s

fap@aamc.org
202-828-0600
M – F, 9 am – 7 pm (EST)

@AAMCPreMed

aamc.org/fap
Advisor Support

Advisor support for all pre-med AAMC programs and services will be accessible via one phone number and email address.

Aspiring Docs

Advisor Information System

Medical School Admission Requirements

MCAT

Fee Assistance Program

FIRST

AMCAS

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advisors@aamc.org
AAMC Premed

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Monthly e-newsletter for applicants and helpful web content.

students-residents.aamc.org/navigator
Letter Writer Guidelines (1/2)

Guidelines for Writing a Letter of Evaluation for a Medical School Applicant

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of evaluation for a medical school applicant!

The guidelines are intended to enhance the letter-writing process by providing a general framework of best practices and relevant content for letter writers to follow. They are optional and can be applied to both individual and committee letters.

Guidelines

1. Provide an accurate assessment of the applicant’s suitability for medical school rather than advocate for the applicant.

2. Briefly explain your relationship with the applicant:
   - How long have you known the applicant?
   - In what capacity have you interacted (e.g., faculty, premedical advisor, supervisor)?
   - Are your observations of the applicant direct or indirect?

3. Quality of information is more important than letter length. Focus on the applicant rather than details of the lab, course, assignment, job, or institution.

4. Only include information on grades, GPA, or MCAT scores if you also provide context to help interpret them. Grades, GPA, and MCAT scores are available within the application.
Letter Writer Guidelines (2/2)

Core, Entry-Level Competencies
Describe how the applicant has, or has not, demonstrated any of the following competencies that are necessary for success in medical school.

Thinking and Reasoning Competencies

Critical Thinking: Uses logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems.
Quantitative Reasoning: Applies quantitative reasoning and appropriate mathematics to describe or explain phenomena in the natural world.
Scientific Inquiry: Applies knowledge of the scientific process to integrate and synthesize information, solve problems, and formulate research questions and hypotheses. Is facile in the language of the sciences and uses it to participate in the discourse of science and explain how scientific knowledge is discovered and validated.
Written Communication: Effectively conveys information to others using written words and sentences.

Science Competencies

Living Systems: Applies knowledge and skill in the natural sciences to solve problems related to molecular and macro systems.
Human Behavior: Applies knowledge of the self, others, and social systems to solve problems related to the psychological, social, and biological factors that influence health and well-being.

Pre-professional Competencies

Service Orientation: Demonstrates a desire to help others and sensitivity to others’ needs and feelings. Demonstrates a desire to alleviate others’ distress. Recognizes and acts on their responsibilities to society locally, nationally, and globally.
Social Skills: Demonstrates awareness of others’ needs, goals, feelings, and the ways social and behavioral cues affect peoples’ interactions and behaviors. Adjusts behaviors appropriately in response to these cues. Treats others with respect.
Cultural Competence: Demonstrates knowledge of social and cultural factors that affect interactions and behaviors. Shows an appreciation
Anatomy of an Applicant

Anatomy of an Applicant resources and self-assessment guide for medical school applicants

The Core Competencies for Entering Medical Students

Successful medical school applicants are able to demonstrate skills, knowledge, and abilities in these areas.

Real Stories Demonstrating Core Competencies

We interviewed medical students, their pre-health advisors, and the admissions officers who accepted them to learn how they demonstrated the Core Competencies for Entering Medical Students...
Access Code Management Tool (ACMT)

ACMT allows advisors to easily distribute, manage and keep track of your access codes in a “Code Bank.”
Questions?

Type your questions in the chat box in the lower left corner of your screen and click the SEND button.

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Please fill out the survey and tell us what you thought about this webinar!