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Medical University of South Carolina



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Admission

Admission to undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs is administered through the Office of Enrollment Management. On-line and paper application forms are available from this office, and all materials in support of the application should be sent or delivered to Enrollment Services. Decisions regarding eligibility for admission and offers of admission are made solely through each separate college. However, all contact between applicants and the University should originate with Enrollment Services.

Factors considered to determine eligibility for admission include the applicant's previous academic success, work previously completed, and the demonstrated ability of the applicant to ascertain both those cognitive and non-cognitive traits necessary and desirable in health professionals. The Medical University seeks to assure diversity among its applicants and in its student body. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or status as a disabled veteran in the administration of its admission and other educational policies, or scholarship and loan programs. Any applicant with a disability needing reasonable accommodation during any stage of the admission process is invited to contact Enrollment Services in advance of that accommodation.

Application filing deadlines vary by program. Admission is for the fall semester only in medicine and pharmacy. Spring or fall semester admission is an option in graduate studies, in some programs in the College of Health Professions, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs. Summer admission is required of all incoming students in dental medicine, rehabilitation sciences, and physician assistant programs. Other programs in nursing and in health professions begin in the fall. College filing periods are:

Dental Medicine

June 1 to December 1 (for AADSAS applications)

Graduate Studies

Continuous (stipend deadline is January 15)

Health Professions

Various dates (contact the department)

Medicine

June 15 to December 1 (for AMCAS applications)

Nursing

Graduate:

Fall - July 1 to February 1

Spring - July 1 to September 15

Summer - July 1 to February 1

(Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.)

Undergraduate:

Fall Accelerated B.S.N., Accelerated B.S.N./M.S.N. and Traditional - July 1 to February 1

Fall RN to BSN at FMU site - (for Licensed RNs) - July 1 to June 1

Fall RN to BSN at MUSC site - Rolling Admission

Spring Accelerated B.S.N. and Accelerated B.S.N./M.S.N. – July 1 to September 15

Pharmacy

July 1 to January 15

To be reviewed and considered for admission, all applicants must file their application with a non-refundable processing fee. All materials submitted in support of the admission process become the exclusive property of the University and cannot be returned to the student or duplicated for any purpose. These materials usually include but are not limited to official transcripts of all prior graduate and undergraduate work, letters of recommendation, and national test scores. (In addition, the AMCAS, the AADSAS, and the PharmCAS applications are required respectively for medicine, dental medicine, and pharmacy applicants.)

Applicants are only considered for the semester and the program they specify on the application form. Changes require an applicant to refile an application and to pay an additional filing fee. Exceptions to refiling are made only with the mutual approval of the programs involved and only if the changes are requested within the same open filing period. Deferrals in the anticipated enrollment date requested after acceptance of the admission offer are made only with the mutual approval of the program involved, and the accepted applicant must complete the applicant response form and pay the matriculation fee to hold their place in the program as well as meet any conditions of their acceptance.

Academic preparation (in the form of transfer credits, diplomas, or degrees) required for entrance into any of the programs at the Medical University must ordinarily have been earned at an institution which has been accorded accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (which can be contacted at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA, 30033-4097, telephone (404) 679-4500) or another regional accrediting body of similar rank. In addition, the committee on admissions of the respective Medical University college may require a recognized examination such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), the American College Test (ACT), the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), the Dental Admission Test

(DAT), the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), and recognized national professional board examinations. Entrance test code numbers for the Medical University are as follows:

College Entrance Examination Board (SAT)	R5407
American College Test (ACT)	6440
College Level Examination Program	5407
Dental Admission Test	85
Graduate Record Examination	R5407
Miller Analogies Test	1717
Medical College Admission Test	165
Pharmacy College Admission Test	061
Graduate Management Admission Test	5407
Test of English as a Foreign Language	5407

The admissions committee of a particular college of the Medical University may consider an applicant from a non-accredited institution in competition with other applicants if it determines that the applicant's academic preparation meets the entrance requirements of the college.

Detailed admission requirements for each program are listed under the separate college sections of this bulletin. Non-residents of the state of South Carolina and international students are granted admission in very limited numbers. The Medical University is a state-assisted institution and preference is awarded to applicants who are residents of South Carolina. Therefore, while non-residents are considered for admission, superior credentials are usually necessary for acceptance. Applicants residing out-of-state who claim classification as residents of South Carolina are required to submit all supporting documents to Enrollment Services postmarked or delivered by July 1 for the fall semester and by November 1 for the spring and summer semesters. Documents received after that date will be reviewed for the succeeding semester. There is no provision for retroactive non-resident fee adjustment except in instances of error by the University.

Applicants must be residents of the state at the time they file their applications for admission in order to be considered with in-state eligibility criteria and/or at the time they wish to pay in-state tuition. State residency is determined when the individual has physically resided in the state for each of the preceding twelve (12) consecutive months and when there is a preponderance of evidence showing that this individual intends to make South Carolina his/her permanent home. Such evidences need to be initiated as least twelve (12) months before residency can be determined. Students seeking classification or reclassification as residents of South Carolina will be asked to complete a series of forms, to be notarized and submitted within the deadlines mentioned in the paragraph above.

Conditional admission is a status assigned to those nursing and health professions applicants who have not yet fulfilled all admission requirements because of extenuating circumstances. However, there must be a preponderance of evidence of eligibility. Conditions for clearing this conditional status are established by the college of enrollment at the time of admission.

Advanced standing is granted for undergraduate transfer applicants with 60 or more semester transferable units and who otherwise meet academic eligibility requirements. Credit determination is made by Enrollment Services staff in consultation with appropriate faculty. It is the student's responsibility to report to Enrollment Services at the time of application for admission all college-level course work completed outside the Medical University of South Carolina. Omitting such information may result in withdrawal of the admission decision.

Credit by examination is allowed on a limited basis by the College of Nursing and the College of Health Professions. To be eligible, students must be matriculated and must meet specific conditions of the college. Students entering the College of Nursing or the College of Health Professions may also receive credit through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). Maximums allowed are described in the college section of this bulletin. Semester credits awarded according to the CLEP scores received follow the guidelines of the American Council on Education.

Graduate and professional applicants entering with completed graduate/professional degree work may receive advanced standing. However, this is highly unusual and decisions are made within the appropriate college dean's office according to various and complex criteria.

Admission to candidacy for graduation is not implied when admission to study is granted. Students seeking to graduate must apply to their college dean in the semester prior to their intended graduation.

Auditors and applicants not seeking a degree must complete each semester the "Non-degree Seeking Student Application" form, available from Enrollment Services. Permissions from the instructor and the dean of the college in which the course is to be taken must be received. The filing fee includes an application fee and an access fee; it is non-refundable. Non-degree seeking student applications are processed only between the sixth calendar date after classes begin and up to the drop/add deadline. Such students will be allowed to enroll in any term usually only as part-time students, unless by approval of the dean of the college in which the courses of enrollment occur.

Applicants seeking admission to the dual MD/PhD program must file separately with the College of Medicine (through AMCAS) and with the College of Graduate Studies. Applicants seeking

admission to the dual DMD/PhD program must file separately with the College of Dental Medicine (through AADSAS) and with the College of Graduate Studies. They must meet the admission requirements of each program and be admitted by both colleges. Degrees are awarded concurrently.

All applicants who choose to accept an offer of admission must do so in writing within four weeks after admission is offered. This acceptance must be accompanied with a combined matriculation and graduation fee, required of each accepting applicant. Without payment, admission is not confirmed by the University. The graduation portion of this fee is refundable upon written request to Enrollment Services when the student indicates he/she no longer intends to graduate and prior to the time when diplomas are prepared. This request must be filed before the end of the semester following withdrawal. The matriculation portion of the fee is non-refundable.

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