

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***How does your Committee consider multiple MCAT scores?***

The Committee has access to all past scores from every MCAT attempt. They will focus on the highest total score from a single test sitting. We consider all test scores to be valid within four years of the application year.

### ***Does your school have a minimum GPA or MCAT requirement?***

Our Committee evaluates applications holistically, including academics and all other relevant experiences and we do not use any GPA or MCAT cut-offs when considering applicants. You can find averages for the previously accepted class within the 'How to Apply' link on our website. We do not pre-screen applicants and anyone who feels they have a strong application are encouraged to apply.

### ***What does "rolling admissions" mean for the SLU medical school application process?***

As is the case with most medical schools, ours is a rolling admissions process. Applications received early in the cycle may be invited to interview earlier in the acceptance cycle and may be more likely to receive an acceptance early in the cycle when the most positions are available. Once the class is full we send offers of acceptance as positions in the class become available. The acceptance process begins October 15 and goes until the late July student orientation.

### ***What is the maximum number of letters of recommendation?***

Every applicant is allotted a maximum of three letters of recommendation or a pre-medical committee letter and two optional letters. The Committee does not want additional letters at this time. Please see the complete requirements [here](#).

### ***I am a non-traditional applicant who has been out of undergraduate for some time and I have lost touch with my professors. Can I use other sources for my letters of recommendation?***

The Committee recognizes the challenge for non-traditional applicants to stay in contact with undergraduate professors. Therefore, you are encouraged to find authors who may provide you with a well-rounded endorsement for your candidacy at this point in your career. For example, non-traditional applicants have used letters from post-bacc professors, employers, physicians they have shadowed or from individuals with whom they've done research.

***Is my AP credit acceptable for your basic course requirements?***

In the rare case the course in question is listed on your verified AMCAS application with a *letter grade* that you received, as opposed to a number or P/F, the course can be considered. Otherwise, the AP credit is not acceptable and other upper level coursework in the same subject would need to be taken.

***Most of my English courses were satisfied by AP credit. Can I substitute another class or do I need to enroll in another English course to be eligible?***

You could enroll in English, literature or composition courses to be completed by the end of the application cycle, but most writing-intensive, Humanities-type courses are acceptable to satisfy the English requirement. However, business, health or science-based courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirement. We ask when it comes time to submit your secondary application, you indicate this and provide supporting documentation, like a syllabus. Applicants must have at least 18 credit hours total of English and/or Humanities courses.

***Why is Saint Louis University School of Medicine participating in the AAMC PREview Program?***

We are committed to enhancing the health of people by training students who are skilled, compassionate, and socially responsible. Our students have a solid academic foundation, strong interpersonal and communication skills, and demonstrate empathy, ethics, and cultural humility. We believe the AAMC PREview exam provides an opportunity to assess these critical pre-professional competencies and identifies applicants who are prepared to learn about professionalism in medical school and meet the health care challenges of the future.

***I took the PREview exam last year. Is that score still valid?***

Yes, your previous PREview exam from the 2022 application cycle will fulfill the requirement. If it is older than that you are required to retake the exam.

***I took the PREview exam twice. Which score will you consider?***

Our Committee can see all PREview scores, but they will focus on the highest score.

***My application was rejected prior to completing the AAMC PREview requirement. If I complete my application, can it be reconsidered?***

No, all application decisions are final.

## **COVID-19 FAQs**

### ***Will the Committee be conducting in-person interviews for the 2022-2023 application cycle?***

Due to COVID-19, our Committee will be conducting virtual interviews. Our secondary application system/software will have an integrated platform through Zoom to conduct secure video interviews with our Committee members.

### ***My university conducted only online coursework for Spring and Summer 2020 terms. Will the science courses I took online or P/F be considered to satisfy your basic course requirements?***

We are modifying our criteria for the 2020 spring semester and summer sessions to deem online lecture and laboratory courses acceptable on this temporary basis. Science courses taken prior to universities going online should have been taken at the school with in-class lab components. We will remain open to adjust future policies as needed.