

Medical Schools' View of Community College Coursework

Some medical schools will accept community college coursework to meet prerequisite requirements while others may not. In general, taking community college science coursework, particularly at the upper level, may make an applicant less competitive.

Here is a sample of the views of some medical schools.

SUNY Upstate College of Medicine

<http://www.upstate.edu/com/admissions/faqs.php>

"Applicants should avoid taking more than one or two prerequisite science courses during the summer and avoid taking them at community colleges."

Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

<http://icahn.mssm.edu/education/medical/admissions/regular-track/requirements>

Q: Can I take my courses at a community college, or must I take them at a four-year college or university?

A: We have no requirement about where you take courses, though the Committee on Admissions does take that into consideration in evaluating your application.

Johns Hopkins Medical School

http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/som/admissions/md/application_process/prerequisites_requirements.html

The School of Medicine accepts prerequisites completed at the community college level. In order to be competitive in the selection process, we encourage prospective applicants with community college prerequisites to supplement these courses by taking advanced courses in related subjects at their four year institution.

University of Florida College of Medicine

http://admissions.med.ufl.edu/faq/#community_college

Q: Can I take the prerequisite courses at my local community/junior college?

A: In order to create the most academically competitive application you should take all prerequisite courses at the most competitive bachelor's degree granting institution where you can gain entrance. You should try to complete your pre-requisite courses at a four-year institution

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

<https://www.einstein.yu.edu/educati...pplication-procedure/course-requirements.aspx>

Whereas course work at a four-year college or university is our benchmark, if a student chooses to meet a competency component via an alternate route such as through laboratory experience, through an advanced placement course, a course taken at a community college, a course taken abroad (during a semester abroad for which the undergraduate U.S. degree-granting institution gives credit, or for which AMCAS will verify and report the grade), or an online course, he or she should seek guidance from his or her advisor to ensure that the option meets the above guidelines as well as the rigorous academic standard required by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

George Washington University

<http://smhs.gwu.edu/academics/md-program/admissions/faqs#communitycollege>



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Do you accept community college credits?

Yes. The Committee on Admissions does accept coursework taken at a community college; however, it is preferable to have the pre-medical coursework taken at a four-year college or university.

Florida State University College of Medicine

<http://med.fsu.edu/?page=mdAdmissions.admissionRequirement>

Listed below is the pre-requisite coursework required for all matriculates to the FSU COM. Advanced Placement, CLEP, and dual enrollment credits fulfill the course requirements. However, courses taken in a traditional classroom at a four-year institution are considered to be more academically competitive.

Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

<https://medicine.temple.edu/education/md-program/admissions/requirements>

Two pre-requisite science courses can be fulfilled with AP credits, community college courses or through a study abroad program.

Texas A&M Health Sciences Center College of Medicine

<http://medicine.tamhsc.edu/admissions/apply/index.html>

Policy on AP Credits, Credits by Exam, and Dual Credit

We generally prefer that applicants take the prerequisite courses at 4-year accredited colleges and universities rather than utilize advanced placement credits, credits by exam, dual-credit, pass/fail course work or community college courses. We do not dismiss these credits; and, if they have been taken, we will accept them toward meeting the prerequisites. In fact, if an applicant has placed out of a required level course, we will also accept another course in that discipline at the same or higher level. Again, our preference is that applicants take graded courses at 4-year institutions, particularly the prerequisites in the biological sciences and the chemistry series.

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

<http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/admissions/md/faq/#q43>

Are community college classes accepted as prerequisite course credit?

They may be, but the Admissions Committee generally expects students to complete all prerequisite courses at a four-year undergraduate institution.

Yale

<https://medicine.yale.edu/education/admissions/apply/premed.aspx>

Pre-medical courses must be completed in a U.S., U.K., or Canadian college or university. U.S. Community College courses are acceptable, provided that the courses include laboratory work and are comparable in content to courses at four-year colleges, universities, or institutes of technology.

Weill Cornell

http://weill.cornell.edu/education/admissions/app_faq.html

Can I take my prerequisite courses at a Community College?

It is not recommended.