IDENTIFY GRAD SCHOOL MENTORS AND COACHES

• Schedule a meeting with your pre-professional or academic advisor to craft your prep and application timeline if you haven't already done so.

• Identify people to write your letters of recommendation based on the request of the program to which you are applying. If program does not specify, select recommender based on the person who knows you best.

• If appropriate for your school choices, identify the coach who can best speak to your work ethic and potential.

PLAN EFFECTIVELY FOR YOUR GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMELINE

• Create a timeline for each of your graduate school milestones

• Incorporate grad school planning into your college course selection

• Balance the ideal grad school prep timeline with your season schedule

MANAGE YOUR TIME TO INCORPORATE TEST PREP

• Use study hall and travel time (if necessary) to prep

• Leverage Kaplan’s on-the-go, mobile resources for ultimate flexibility

• Schedule your prep time and exam date during the off-season if possible

APPROACH TEST PREP WITH THE SAME VIGOR AND DISCIPLINE AS YOUR SPORT

• Preparing for the exam is just like preparing for a game
  — Practice your skills: Go to your prep class, do the homework, and take the practice exams
  — Own your health: Eat well and get sufficient rest as you prep (especially the week of test day)

• Build endurance gradually and methodically through strategic practice and drills

• Take advantage of full length exams to mimic the test day experience, just as you would approach a scrimmage
Below are general guidelines for the milestones you should achieve and the appropriate timing for completing each task along the way. Timing may vary based on the career path you choose. Talk to your advisor about your specific timeline and career path milestones.

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**FRESHMAN:**
- Meet with your academic or pre-professional advisor
- Join relevant clubs or organizations

**SOPHOMORE:**
- Meet with your academic or pre-professional advisor
- Research career options and earning potential of the degree you are interested in pursuing
- Start researching scholarships and grant opportunities
- Attend events and info sessions to learn more about grad schools and their admissions processes
- Think about geographic preferences, curriculum, competitiveness, cost, school reputation, and research opportunities of interested programs
- Consider whether grad school at your current institution creates an opportunity for extended eligibility
- Start thinking about when you want to take the necessary graduate admissions test

**JUNIOR:**
- Meet with your academic or pre-professional advisor
- Create a target school list
- Visit the schools you are interested in
- Brainstorm for your application essays
- Request transcripts from schools
- Select and register for a test date
- Plan your test prep timeline based on your targeted test date
- Prep for and take the required admissions test
- Think about appropriate people to write recommendation letters
- Provide recommenders with info needed to write your recommendation
- Begin drafting your personal statement
- Follow application directions explicitly
- Fill out Financial Aid & Scholarship documents

**SENIOR:**
- Meet with your academic or pre-professional advisor
- Finalize essays and personal statement
- Complete any outstanding applications
- Fill out secondary applications
- Schedule school visits/interviews
- Receive your acceptance letters and celebrate
GRADUATE SCHOOL - GRE®

Admissions

WHY GRADUATE SCHOOL

- Increase knowledge in a field
- Employment stability
- Earning potential
- Transitional and growth opportunities
- Increase your “marketability”

CRITICAL ADMISSIONS FACTORS

- Undergraduate GPA
- Personal Essays
- GRE Score
- Letters of Recommendation
- Work Experience

TOP PROGRAMS ACCEPT FEWER THAN 25% OF APPLICANTS

Competition is fierce for popular graduate school designations. The list below shows two examples of acceptance rates of competitive graduate programs.

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<td>5) Univ of Penn</td>
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The Test

BASIC INFO ABOUT THE GRE

- Cost: $205
- Offered daily
- Can retake after 21 days
- Valid for 5 years
- Avg Prep: 1-3 months
- App Fee: $50 - $100
- App Deadline: Varies by program
- Register: ets.org/gre

TEST BREAKDOWN

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<th># of Questions</th>
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Unscored Section(s) may appear on the exam. You will not be able to distinguish unscored from the scored sections, so you should do your best on all sections.

1. Kaplan Admissions Officer Survey, 2013
2. cgsnet.org, US Graduate Schools report slight growth in New Students for Fall 2012 (released 2013)
THE GRE MULTI-STAGE TEST (MST) — VERBAL

VERBAL SECTION 1: 20 QUESTIONS
6 Text Completion, 4 Sentence Equivalence, 10 Reading Comp

SECTION 2A: 20 QUESTIONS
6 Text Completion, 4 Sentence Equivalence, 10 Reading Comp

SECTION 2B: 20 QUESTIONS
6 Text Completion, 4 Sentence Equivalence, 10 Reading Comp

SECTION 2C: 20 QUESTIONS
6 Text Completion, 4 Sentence Equivalence, 10 Reading Comp

HIGHEST POTENTIAL SCORE RANGE
MIDDLE POTENTIAL SCORE RANGE
LOWEST POTENTIAL SCORE RANGE

THE GRE MULTI-STAGE TEST (MST) — QUANTITATIVE

QUANTITATIVE SECTION 1: 20 QUESTIONS
7-8 Quantitative Comparison, 9-10 Problem Solving, 3 Data Interpretation

SECTION 2A: 20 QUESTIONS
7-8 Quantitative Comparison, 9-10 Problem Solving, 3 Data Interpretation

SECTION 2B: 20 QUESTIONS
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SECTION 2C: 20 QUESTIONS
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HIGHEST POTENTIAL SCORE RANGE
MIDDLE POTENTIAL SCORE RANGE
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SCORING (2)

Score range: 130 - 170
Median verbal score: 151
Median quant score: 152

SCORE DISTRIBUTION (2)

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Scores are tightly clustered: answering a couple more questions correctly can catapult your score.

The Path to Graduate School

THE COST OF ATTENDING GRAD SCHOOL (1)

$28,400
Avg Tuition - Public School

$52,200
Avg Tuition - Private School

$36,000
Living Expenses (High End)

$88,200
Annual Expenditures

IDEAL APPLICATION TIMELINE

Application deadlines are accepted year round, depending on the program. Research the programs you are interested in pursuing and build your timeline accordingly.

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<th>Time to Test</th>
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<td>SELECT PROGRAMS</td>
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1 CGS/GRE Survey of Graduate Enrollment and Degrees 2012
Admissions

FIVE REASONS TO PURSUE AN MBA
1. The degree can boost your career.
2. The education rates high in value.
3. An MBA opens the door to job opportunities.
4. The degree is financially rewarding.
5. Demand for b-school talent is strong.

BUSINESS SCHOOLS ARE COMPETITIVE
At the top business schools, the average GMAT score is 720, and the average acceptance rate is 16%.

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<th>School</th>
<th>Avg GMAT</th>
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<td>Harvard University</td>
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<td>Stanford University</td>
<td>732</td>
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<td>Univ. of Penn. (Wharton)</td>
<td>725</td>
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<td>Univ. of Chicago (Booth)</td>
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<td>MIT (Sloan)</td>
<td>713</td>
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THE VALUE OF THE MBA
Full-time MBA alumni in the classes of 2000–2012 on the value of their degree
- 94% agree the degree was personally rewarding
- 80% say their promotion came faster than or when they expected
- 4 years is the average time to recoup full return on investment

THE GMAT IS IMPORTANT FOR ADMISSIONS
A candidate's entrance exam score is the most important factor in business school admissions.

WHAT’S ON THE TEST

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<td>Analysis of an Argument</td>
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<td>Integrated Reasoning</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>30 mins</td>
<td>Table Analysis, Graphics Interpretation, Multi-Source Reasoning, Two-Part Analysis</td>
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<td>Verbal Reasoning</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>75 mins</td>
<td>Reading Comprehension, Sentence Correction, Critical Reasoning</td>
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<td>Quantitative Reasoning</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>75 mins</td>
<td>Problem Solving, Data Sufficiency</td>
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GMAT BASICS
- Cost: $250
- Format: Computer adaptive test
- Appointments available year round
- Can retake every 31 days
- Valid 5 years
- 700+ scorers study an average of 102 hours
- Application deadlines vary by school
- Register at www.mba.com

1 2013 Alumni Perspectives Survey, GMAC; www.mba.com
3 Business School Admissions Officers Survey conducted by Kaplan, 2013
The Path to Business School

GMAT PREP IS A GOOD INVESTMENT\(^{(2)}\)

GMAT COMPANY ADAPTIVE TEST

Your Score

Implications:
- Timing
- Guessing
- Psychology
- Practice

GMAT IS A GOOD PREDICTOR OF B-SCHOOL SUCCESS\(^{(3)}\)

GMAT + AWA + GPA is the best indicator of b-school success. GMAT is a significantly better indicator than GPA.

The Path to Business School

IDEAL APPLICATION TIMELINE

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\(^{(2)}\) U.S. News & World Report Best Business Schools Ranking 2014

\(^{(3)}\) GMAC - Assessing Validity by Combining Examinees across Programs
LAW SCHOOL - LSAT

Admissions

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TRENDS

QUICK FACTS: LAWYERS

- 2012 Median Pay: $113,530 per year
- Number of Jobs, 2012: 759,800
- Job Outlook, 2012-2022: 10%
- Employment Change, 2012-2022: 74,800*

Despite downward trends in test takers and applicants, the outlook for the legal profession is strong.

OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE LAWYERS

For the Fall 2013 incoming class

Administered: June 2012 - Feb 2013
112,515

Applied: 59,400
Matriculated: 39,700

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARE COMPETITIVE

Less than 17% are accepted at top tier schools.

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<td>Duke University</td>
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LSAT IS THE...

Most Important Factor for Law School Admission

- LSAT score: 58%
- Undergrad GPA: 21%
- Personal statement: 19%
- Relevant work experience: 11%
- Letters of recommendation: 1%

Biggest Application Killer for Law School Admission

- Low LSAT score: 33%
- Poorly written personal statement: 17%
- Poor letters of recommendation: 19%
- Low GPA: 19%
- Lack of experience: 10%

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1 Bureau of Labor Statistics 2012
2 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program
4 Law School Admissions Officers Survey conducted by Kaplan, 2013
**LSAT BASICS**

- Cost: $175
- Offered: Four times a year – June, September/October, December and February
- Can be taken three times in two years
- Valid for 5 years
- Skills-based test means variable prep time; working average is 200 – 300 hours
- Application deadlines vary by school, from mid-January to May
- Register at www.lsac.org

**SCORING**

- The LSAT is the common measuring stick.
- There is no guessing penalty.
- Score range = 120 - 180
- Raw score scaled score conversion varies per test.
- Repeat test-taking remains unadvisable.

**LSAT SCORES CORRELATE TO FIRST YEAR SUCCESS**

There is a correlation between success on the LSAT and success as a first year law student.

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**The Test**

**WHAT’S COVERED ON THE TEST**

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<td>Reading comprehension</td>
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<td>Global, Detail, Inference, Function</td>
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<td>Logic games</td>
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<td>Making Deductions</td>
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**The Path to Law School**

**IDEAL APPLICATION TIMELINE**

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- Early decision period
- Rolling admission period
MEDICAL SCHOOL - MCAT

Admissions

WHY MEDICAL SCHOOL
Projected Supply and Demand, Physicians, 2008-2020 (All specialties)

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<td>2010</td>
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<td>2020</td>
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ADMISSIONS TRENDS

- Matriculants
- Applicants
- Test takers

COMPETITION IS FIERCE
Fewer than half of those applying to medical school will get in.

2013 Applicants: 48,014
2013 Matriculants: 20,005
2013 Accept Rate: 41.6%

The Test

MCAT BASICS
- Cost: $300
- Offered: about 20X annually
- No lifetime limit; can only take 3x/year
- Valid for 3 years
- 350 hours of prep time
- Register at www.aamc.org

MCAT TEST DATES
Test dates are offered in January and each month between April - October annually. Visit aamc.org for specific test dates.

MCAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ADMISSIONS FACTOR

MCAT Score GPA

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Medical School Admissions Officers Survey conducted by Kaplan, 2013
The Path to Medical School

IDEAL APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Take MCAT & Get Scores
- File Primary Applications
- File Secondary Applications
- Interviews
- Acceptance

MCAT TEST STRUCTURE

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MCAT 2015 total score

- Scores on each section will range from 118-132
- Overall exam score will range from 472-528
- Section score of 125 will be the 50th percentile
- Total score of 500 will be the 50% percentile
- Test takers will receive percentile rankings for each section and the overall score
Admissions

WHY DENTAL SCHOOL
U.S. News Best Jobs of 2013 ranks Dentist as the BEST job in America (1)

Pay: $73,000–$190,000 (2)
Median Salary: $149,000 (2)
Unemployment Rate: 1.5% (2)

DENTAL SCHOOL IS COMPETITIVE
Fewer than half of applicants are accepted.

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DIVERSITY IN DENTISTRY:
SPECIALTIES (3)

- Endodontics
- Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics

The Test

DAT BASICS (4)

- Cost: $385
- Offered: appointments available year round
- Valid for 3–5 years
- Kaplan recommends 3–4 months of prep
- Applications open in June, and early applications are strongly preferred
- Application deadlines vary by school, starting Nov 1
- Register at www.ada.org

WHAT’S COVERED ON THE TEST

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SCORING

Scored 1–30 for each section, plus an academic average score

The academic average is the mean of the Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Reading Comprehension, and Quantitative Reasoning scores.

DAT SCORES ARE IMPORTANT

- Academic Average and PAT scores are both rated as “very important” by admissions officers.
- DAT scores are the #1 or #2 factors for acceptance into dental school.
- The average score for admission to the more competitive schools often equals or exceeds the 90th percentile.

DAT SCORES CORRELATE TO FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS

The ADA found that DAT scores and undergraduate GPAs are strong individual predictors of student performance in dental school.

The Path to Dental School

PRE-DENTAL PREREQUISITES

Required
1 Year + Labs:
- General (Inorganic)
- Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry

- Physics
- 66% of dental schools require English (or writing-intensive course)

Additional Coursework
Biochemistry
Physics
Molecular and Cell Biology
Calculus
Genetics

- Physiology
- Comparative Anatomy
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Humanities and Social Sciences

IDEAL APPLICATION TIMELINE

Take DAT
Primary
Secondary
Interviews
Rolling admissions

Jan - Apr
May
June
July
August
Sept
Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
Mar
PHARMACY SCHOOL - PCAT

Admissions

WHY PHARMACY SCHOOL

U.S. News & World Report ranks Pharmacist as the 3rd best job in America(1)

Pay: $89,000–$146,000(2)

Top reasons to become a pharmacist:
1. I want to help people get well
2. I like to work directly with patients
3. I enjoy a wide variety of career opportunities
4. I can benefit from the demand for pharmacists
5. I want to be a member of the health care team

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A PHARM.D.?

- Clinic Pharmacy Practice
- Information Systems Pharmacist
- Consultant Pharmacist
- Drug Representative
- Pharmacoeconomics Analyst
- Governmental Agencies
- Pharmaceutical Industry Research

PHARMACY SCHOOLS ARE COMPETITIVE

Many pharmacy schools prefer applicants’ PCAT percentiles to be better than the 60th, 70th, or even higher for admission.

The PCAT is a strong predictor of first-year Pharmacy School GPA.

There is a strong correlation between success on the NAPLEX (licensing exam) and PCAT score.

The Test

PCAT BASICS(3)

- Cost: $199
- Offered: July, Sept, Oct, Nov and Jan
- Lifetime limit of 5 tries
- Valid for 3-5 years
- Kaplan recommends 2-4 months of prep
- Application deadlines vary by school, starting Nov 1
- Register at www.pcatweb.info

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<td>40</td>
<td>25 minutes</td>
<td>Analogies and sentence completion</td>
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<td>Biology</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>35 minutes</td>
<td>General biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology</td>
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<td>Chemistry</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>35 minutes</td>
<td>General chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry</td>
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<td>Reading Comprehension</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>50 minutes</td>
<td>Natural sciences, social sciences and humanities</td>
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<td>Quantitative Ability</td>
<td>48</td>
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<td>Basic math, algebra, probability and statistics, pre-calculus, calculus</td>
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SCORING

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WHY TAKE THE PCAT?

- The PCAT is required by over 85% of schools as part of PharmCAS
- A high PCAT score may offset a lower GPA

PHARMACY PROGRAMS REQUIRE THE PCAT

Below is a representative sample of pharmacy school data:

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<th>School</th>
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<td>University of Florida</td>
<td>70th - 99th</td>
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<td>The Ohio State University</td>
<td>60th - 99th</td>
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<td>University of Illinois – Chicago</td>
<td>&gt;70th</td>
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<td>University of Texas – Austin</td>
<td>85th</td>
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<td>University of Utah</td>
<td>&gt;65th</td>
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The Path to Pharmacy School

PAYING FOR PHARMACY SCHOOL

Avg. annual tuition and fees, public: $14,476
Avg. annual tuition and fees, private: $29,618
Avg. debt: $66,319
Avg. income (pharmacist): $106,630

Tylenol Future Care Scholarships
American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation Student Scholarship Program
American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Student Leadership Awards

and more

IDEAL APPLICATION TIMELINE

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Admissions

WHY OPTOMETRY SCHOOL

US News & World Report ranks Optometrist as the 12th best job in America

Median Pay: $105,000
Top Pay: $149,000
10-year Job Growth: 33.1%
Total Jobs: 34,200

DIVERSITY IN OPTOMETRY JOBS

• Solo Private Practice
• Group Practice
• Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)
• Retail
• Ophthalmologic Practice
• Military & Public Service
• Academia
• Corporate

OPTOMETRY SCHOOLS ARE COMPETITIVE

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<td>Acceptance (% of students receiving an offer)</td>
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<td>Average GPA</td>
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<td>Average OAT (Academic Average)</td>
<td>320.6</td>
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The Test

OAT BASICS

• Cost: $330
• Available year round
• Kaplan recommends 3–4 months of prep
• Application deadlines vary by school (Jan to June)
• Register at www.ada.org/OAT

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<td>Algebra, probability and statistics, geometry, trigonometry</td>
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OAT SCORING
All optometry schools in the US require the OAT
Score Range: 200–400
Mean Academic Average of all test takers: 304.6
Mean Total Science of all test takers: 297.1
Mean Academic Average of matriculants: 320.6
Mean Total Science of matriculants: 316.6

SCHOOLS AND SCORES

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The Path to Optometry School

PRE-OPTOMETRY PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

Required for the OAT
- 1 Year + Labs:
  - Biology
  - General Chemistry
  - Organic Chemistry
  - Physics

Other Suggested Coursework
- Calculus
- English
- Microbiology
- Biochemistry
- Molecular and Cell Biology
- Genetics
- Physiology
- Comparative Anatomy
- Statistics
- Humanities and Social Sciences

IDEAL APPLICATION TIMELINE

Rolling admissions

Interviews

Secondary applications

Primary applications

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Take OAT

Ideal
Possible

Taking OAT

May

June

July

August

Sept

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Nov

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Jan

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