Profiles of Accepted Medical School Applicants
from one application year at UMBC

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This handout is a tool to help students critically analyze their individual competitiveness for admission to allopathic medical schools. Readers will gain an appreciation for each of these students, what makes them special, and why they got admitted to medical school. Many factors influence the admissions decisions of medical schools.

These profiles include all experiences from first-semester freshman year up to and including the Spring semester that preceded submission of the AMCAS application.

Student A:
U-grad GPAs: 3.01 science, 3.17 cumulative (cum)
PB GPAs: 3.68 science, 3.68 cum
GR GPAs: 3.50 science, 3.42 cum
MCAT Total: 26Q (10PS, 7VR, 9BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
5 semesters of undergraduate research (1 publication)
Leadership position, Post-Bac organization, 1 semester
Community leadership position (PB), 2 semesters
Community leadership position (PB), 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 5 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
30 hours of undergraduate community service
230 hours of medically related shadowing
First Application (as a UMBC junior): Applied to 19 schools, 0 acceptances
Second Application (after a Post-Bac program was completed, student continued into a Master’s program): Applied to 19 schools, 1 acceptance (HBCU)
Special Circumstances: URM

Student B:
Science GPA: 3.50
Cumulative GPA: 3.64
MCAT Total: 28R (10PS, 10VR, 8BS)
3 semesters of research
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 1 semester
120 hours of community service
90 hours of medically related shadowing
Worked a part-time job for 20 hours per week, 2 summers
Applied to 12 schools, 4 acceptances
Special circumstances: URM

Student C:
Science GPA: 3.83
Cumulative GPA: 3.87
MCAT Total: 28M (11PS, 7VR, 10BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
5 semesters of research
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 1 semester
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Zero hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 16 schools, 1 acceptance
Special circumstances: MD/PhD applicant, URM

Student D:
Science GPA: 3.70
Cumulative GPA: 3.79
MCAT Total: 32P (8PS, 13VR, 11BS)
Honors College member
Full scholarship to UMBC
Phi Beta Kappa
1 year of post-bac research at NIH
4 semesters of undergraduate research (2 publications)
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 1 semester
30 hours of community service
50 hours of medically related shadowing
Competitive athlete
Applied to 14 schools (after completing 1 year at NIH), 5 acceptances
Special circumstances: MD/PhD applicant

Student E:
Science GPA: 3.54
Cumulative GPA: 3.64
MCAT Total: 28S (9PS, 10VR, 9BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
6 semesters of research
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
32 hours of community service
Zero hours of medically related shadowing during college, but 160 hours in high school
Applied to 25 schools, 1 acceptance
Special circumstances: MD/PhD applicant, URM

**Student F:**
Science GPA: 3.95
Cumulative GPA: 3.96
MCAT Total: 30Q (11PS, 11VR, 8BS)
Honors College member
3 semesters of research
UMBC tutor, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 1 semester
Zero hours of community service
75 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 8 schools, 2 acceptances
Special circumstances: URM

**Student G:**
Science GPA: 3.77
Cumulative GPA: 3.83
MCAT Total: 27Q (7PS, 11VR, 9BS)
Full scholarship to first college attended
Lab assistant, 1 semester
Tutor, 4 semesters
Leadership position, college organization, 4 semesters
Leadership position, college organization, 1 semester
Leadership position, college organization, 1 semester
Member, college organization, 4 semesters
280 hours of medically related shadowing
Worked a part-time job for 20-35 hours per week during entire collegiate education
Full-time direct patient care job, 6 months
Applied to 34 schools, 16 acceptances
Special circumstances: Extraordinary life circumstances, waited 1 year after graduation to apply, transfer student, proficient in two languages other than native language, URM

**Student H:**
Science GPA: 3.49
Cumulative GPA: 3.64
MCAT Total: 30M (9PS, 11VR, 10BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
4 semesters of research
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
65 hours of community service
Zero hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 23 schools, 5 acceptances
Special circumstances: MD/PhD applicant, URM

Student I:
Science GPA: 3.78
Cumulative GPA: 3.84
MCAT Total: 34Q (12PS, 11VR, 11BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
6 semesters of research
UMBC Tutor, 2 semesters
UMBC Tutor, 1 semester
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
60 hours of community service
Zero hours of medically related shadowing during college, but 260 hours in high school
Applied to 23 schools, 5 acceptances
Special circumstances: First generation college student, MD/PhD applicant, URM

Student J:
Science GPA: 3.83
Cumulative GPA: 3.85
MCAT Total: 31M (12PS, 8VR, 11BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
1 year of full-time research in private industry after graduation and prior to first application
1 additional year of full-time research in private industry prior to second application
6 semesters of undergraduate research
UMBC Tutor, 2 semesters
Private Tutor (PB), 6 months
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
16 hours of community service
40 hours of medically related shadowing
First Application (one year after graduation from UMBC): Applied to 16 schools, 0 acceptances
Second Application: Applied to 16 schools, 1 acceptance
Special Circumstances: URM

Student K:
Science GPA: 4.00
Cumulative GPA: 4.00
MCAT Total: 34R (11PS, 10VR, 13BS)
Full scholarship to UMBC
4 semesters of undergraduate research
Leadership position, community organization, 4 semesters
Leadership position, community organization, 2 semesters
Member, community organization, 6 semesters
120 hours of community service
Zero hours of medically related shadowing
Competitive athlete
Applied to 12 schools (one year after graduation from UMBC and while completing a Master's degree), 3 acceptances
Special circumstances: MD/PhD applicant

**Student L:**
Science GPA: 4.00
Cumulative GPA: 4.00
MCAT Total: 32M (10PS, 12VR, 10BS)
1 semester of research
UMBC Tutor, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
80 hours of community service
60 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 12 schools, 1 acceptance

**Student M:**
Science GPA: 3.47
Cumulative GPA: 3.66
MCAT Total: 30M (10PS, 8VR, 12BS)
5 semesters of research (1 publication)
UMBC Tutor, 1 semester
UMBC Teaching Assistant, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, community organization, 2 years
Leadership position, community organization, 2 semesters
25 hours of community service
65 hours of medically related shadowing
Worked a part-time job for 10-15 hours per week during entire collegiate education
Applied to 10 schools, 1 acceptance

**Student N:**
Science GPA: 3.66
Cumulative GPA: 3.78
MCAT Total: 25R (9PS, 8VR, 8BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
6 semesters of research (3 publications)
UMBC Tutor, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, community organization, 2 semesters
120 hours of community service
300 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 14 schools, 3 acceptances
Special circumstances: First-generation college student, MD/PhD applicant, URM

**Student O:**
Science GPA: 3.74
Cumulative GPA: 3.81
MCAT Total: 32O (10PS, 10VR, 12BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
6 semesters of research
UMBC Tutor, 2 semesters
UMBC Teaching Assistant, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
30 hours of community service
40 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 14 schools, 4 acceptances
Special circumstances: Two academic minors in addition to bachelor's degree, MD/PhD applicant, overcame personal crisis, URM

**Student P:**
U-grad GPAs: 3.95 science, 3.97 cumulative
PB GPAs: 0.00 science (didn't complete any science courses as a post-bac student), 3.91 cum
MCAT Total: 29Q (9PS, 9VR, 11BS)
2 semesters of undergraduate research
Tutor, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 3 semesters
Leadership position as a post-bac, community organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, college organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, community organization, 4 semesters
Member, community organization, 1 semester
30 hours of undergraduate community service
65 hours of medically related shadowing
First Application (as a UMBC junior): Applied to 12 schools, 0 acceptances
Second Application (as a UMBC senior): Applied to 29 schools, 0 acceptances
Third Application (while continuing undergraduate classes): Applied to 19 schools, 1 acceptance
Special Circumstances: Transfer student
**Student Q:**

U-grad GPAs: 2.96 science, 3.33 cumulative  
GR GPAs: 3.52 science, 3.49 cum  
MCAT Total: 27R (9PS, 8VR, 10BS)  
Honors College member  
4 semesters of research after undergrad/during Master's degree  
Resident Assistant at UMBC, 4 semesters  
UMBC Tutor, 2 semesters  
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters  
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 1 semester  
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters  
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters  
Member, UMBC organization, 2 semesters  

**Student Q continued:**

40 hours of community service  
60 hours of medically related shadowing  
Applied to 17 schools (after completing a Master's degree), 1 acceptance  
Special circumstances: International student, URM

**Student R:**

Science GPA: 4.00  
Cumulative GPA: 4.00  
MCAT Total: 36R (10PS, 11VR, 15BS)  
Honors College member  
Full scholarship to UMBC  
3 semesters of research  
UMBC Tutor, 4 semesters  
Private Tutor, 1 semester  
UMBC Learning Assistant, 1 semester  
Peer Counselor, 2 semesters  
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters  
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters  
Leadership position, community organization, 3 years  
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters  
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters  
90 hours of community service  
200 hours of medically related shadowing  
Applied to 15 schools, 6 acceptances

**Student S:**

Science GPA: 3.34  
Cumulative GPA: 3.42  
MCAT Total: 28M (7PS, 10VR, 11BS)  
Meyerhoff Scholar  
6 semesters of research  
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters  
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Member, community organization, 6 semesters
25 hours of community service
30 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 14 schools, 3 acceptances

**Student T:**
Science GPA: 3.23
Cumulative GPA: 3.42
MCAT Total: 25P (7PS, 9VR, 9BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
9 semesters of research
UMBC Proctor, 4 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
**Student T continued:**
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Leadership position, community organization, 3 semesters
50 hours of community service
40 hours of medically related shadowing
Worked a part-time job for 10-15 hours per week during entire collegiate education
Applied to 37 schools (as a UMBC senior), 2 acceptances
Special circumstances: Overcame personal crisis, URM

**Student U:**
Science GPA: 3.35
Cumulative GPA: 3.38
MCAT Total: 31Q (11PS, 10VR, 10BS)
1 semester of research
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, community organization, 3 years
Leadership position, community organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 1 semester
50 hours of community service
30 hours of medically related shadowing
Volunteer EMT-B, 2 years
Worked a part-time job for 15-20 hours per week during entire collegiate education
Applied to 24 schools, 1 acceptance
Special circumstances: Extraordinary life circumstances

**Student V:**
Science GPA: 3.31
Cumulative GPA: 3.43
MCAT Total: 21O (7PS, 8VR, 6BS)
2 semesters of research
UMBC Laboratory Assistant, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Leadership position, community organization, 2 semesters
100 hours of community service
80 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 14 schools, 2 acceptances
Special circumstances: Economically disadvantaged, URM

**Student W:**
U-grad GPAs: 3.32 science, 3.30 cumulative
GR GPAs: 3.87 science, 3.87 cum
MCAT Total: 35O (12PS, 10VR, 13BS)
1 semester of research
1 summer of full-time research in private industry after graduation
Leadership position, community organization, 1 semester
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 8 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 8 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
50 hours of undergraduate community service
120 hours of medically related shadowing
First Application (as a UMBC junior): Applied to 27 schools, 0 acceptances
Second Application (after completing a Master's degree), Applied to 33 schools, 1 acceptance

**Student X:**
Science GPA: 3.55
Cumulative GPA: 3.67
MCAT Total: 34P (12PS, 11VR, 11BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
6 semesters of research
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 5 semesters
Founder and Leader, community organization, 3 years
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
50 hours of community service
150 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 32 schools, 2 acceptances

**Student Y:**
Science GPA: 4.00
Cumulative GPA: 4.00
MCAT Total: 32Q (11PS, 10VR, 11BS)
Meyerhoff Scholar
6 semesters of research
UMBC Tutor, 4 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
80 hours of community service
75 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 25 schools, 2 acceptances
Special circumstances: Overcame personal crisis

**Student Z:**
Science GPA: 3.48
Cumulative GPA: 3.71
MCAT Total: 29P (8PS, 12VR, 9BS)
Honors College member
Full scholarship to UMBC
2 semesters of research
UMBC Teaching Assistant, 4 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 1 semester
Leadership position, community organization, 3 semesters
Leadership position, community organization, 3 semesters
Leadership position/summer job, government organization, 5 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Member, community organization, 4 years
250 hours of medically related shadowing
UMBC Athletic Trainer, 6 semesters

Applied to 18 schools, 2 acceptances
Special circumstances: Two exceptional and unique leadership positions held over multiple years, extensive domestic and foreign travels.

**Student AA:**
Science GPA: 3.51
Cumulative GPA: 3.64
MCAT Total: 29M (10PS, 9VR, 10BS)
6 semesters of research
Resident Assistant at UMBC, 4 semesters
UMBC Teaching Assistant, 1 semester
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 8 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
50 hours of community service
200 hours of medically related shadowing
Worked two part-time jobs for 15-20 hours per week for two semesters. Worked one part-time job for 15-20 hours per week for two semesters.
Applied to 19 schools (as a UMBC senior), 1 acceptance

**Student BB:**
Science GPA: 4.00
Cumulative GPA: 3.94
MCAT Total: 34S (12PS, 9VR, 13BS)
Full scholarship to UMBC
5 semesters of research (2 publications)
Study Abroad, 1 semester
UMBC Teaching Assistant, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 3 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 1 semester
Member, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 4 semesters
Manager of a retail store for two summers
150 hours of community service
175 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 13 schools (as a UMBC senior), 4 acceptances
Special circumstances: MD/PhD applicant

**Student CC:**
Science GPA: 3.42
Cumulative GPA: 3.56
MCAT Total: 29L (10PS, 8VR, 11BS)
2 semesters of research
UMBC Teaching Assistant, 1 semester
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 5 semesters
Member of a band, 3 semesters
Zero hours of community service
160 hours of medically related shadowing
Volunteer EMT-B, 2 years
Applied to 27 schools, 1 acceptance

**Student DD:**
Science GPA: 3.92
Cumulative GPA: 3.93
MCAT Total: 32N (8PS, 11VR, 13BS)
1 semester of research
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
300 hours of community service
230 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 20 schools, 1 acceptance
Special circumstances: Transfer student

**Student EE:**
Science GPA: 3.95
Cumulative GPA: 3.97
MCAT Total: 32N (11PS, 9VR, 12BS)
Honors College member
Full scholarship to UMBC
6 semesters of research (2 publications)
UMBC Tutor, 4 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 3 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 3 semesters
Leadership position, UMBC organization, 2 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
Member, UMBC organization, 6 semesters
180 hours of community service
370 hours of medically related shadowing
Applied to 20 schools, 2 acceptances

Student FF:
Science GPA: 3.76
Cumulative GPA: 3.80
MCAT Total: 29Q (10PS, 8VR, 11BS)
Leadership/mentoring position, community organization, 3 years
Leadership position, community organization, 3½ years
Leadership position, community organization, 2 years
180 hours of community service
150 hours of medically related shadowing
Worked a part-time job for 15-20 hours per week during entire collegiate education
Applied to 9 schools, 1 acceptance
Special circumstances: Transfer student, URM

Definitions:
PB=Post-baccalaureate program
GR=Graduate school
GPA=Grade Point Average
Cumulative GPA=The calculated grade point average of all collegiate coursework taken at either the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate level, with any repeated courses averaged.
Science GPA=The calculated grade point average of all Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics (BCPM) courses taken at either the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate level, with any repeated courses averaged.
MCAT=Medical College Admission Test
Letter after MCAT Total score is the Writing Sample score (range J-T)
PS=Physical Sciences (range 1-15)
VR=Verbal Reasoning (range 1-15)
BS=Biological Sciences (range 1-15)
HBCU=Historically Black Colleges and Universities

All applicants are US citizens or permanent residents, unless otherwise noted.

Disadvantaged=The AMCAS application asks if you want to be considered as a Disadvantaged applicant by any of your medical schools that may consider social, economic, or educational
Disadvantaged status is self-determined and each medical school has their own policies for how they use this information. To help determine if you are disadvantaged, please read the notations below:

**Underserved:** Do you believe, based on your own experiences or the experiences of family and friends that the area in which you grew up was inadequately served by the available health care professionals? Were there enough physicians, nurses, hospitals, clinics, and other health care service providers?

**Government Assistance:** Have you or your immediate family ever used federal or state assistance programs? What was the income level of your family during the majority of your life from birth to age eighteen?

These federal and state programs are specifically defined as "Means-Tested Programs" under which the individual, family, or household income and assets must be below specified thresholds. The sponsoring agencies then provide cash and non-cash assistance to eligible individuals, families, or households. Such programs include welfare benefit programs (federal, state, and local); Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC or ADC); unemployment compensation; General Assistance (GA); food stamps; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Medicaid; housing assistance; or other federal, state, or local financial assistance programs.

The Federal Government broadly defines "immediate family" as "spouse, parent, child, sibling, mother or father-in-law, son or daughter-in-law, or sister or brother-in-law, including step and adoptive relationships."

**URM** = Underrepresented in Medicine. The AAMC definition of underrepresented in medicine is: "Underrepresented in medicine means those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population." [http://www.aamc.org/meded/urm/start.htm](http://www.aamc.org/meded/urm/start.htm)