

# University of Alabama School of Medicine

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## General Information

The School of Medicine was founded in Mobile in 1859 and has been located in Birmingham since 1945. The main campus is in Birmingham, with branch campuses, created in 1969, in Huntsville and Tuscaloosa.

## Mission Statement

The School of Medicine is dedicated to the education of physicians and scientists in all of the disciplines of medicine and biomedical investigation for careers in practice, teaching, and research. Necessary to this educational mission are the provision of outstanding medical care and services and the enhancement of new knowledge through clinical and basic biomedical research.

## Curricular Highlights

The four-year academic program emphasizes the fundamentals that underlie clinical medical practice, including attention to the emotional, cultural, and social characteristics of patients and to the importance of adapting care to meet their needs. In addition to the core basic science courses, both years include an Introduction to Clinical Medicine course providing training in medical professionalism, patient interviewing, and physical examination. The third year and part of the fourth year consist of required rotations and electives, with clinical experiences in both hospital and ambulatory settings. Students participate in an Observed Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) prior to graduation. There are three special degree programs, Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD), MD/MPH, and a BA-BS/MD program (EMSAP), as well as a special admissions program, for rural Alabama residents (RMSP). Each program has special curricular requirements.

**Community Service Requirement:** Optional.

**Research/Thesis Requirement:** Optional.

**USMLE, Step 1:** Required. Students must record a passing score for promotion.

**USMLE, Step 2:** Required. Students must record a passing total score to graduate.

### **Selection Factors**

The UASOM Admissions Committee is committed to admitting those applicants who possess the intelligence, skills, attitudes, and other personal attributes to become excellent physicians and to meet the health care needs of the state of Alabama. Desirable attributes include solid academic performance, effective communication and interpersonal skills, evidence of service to others, empathy, emotional maturity, personal resilience, honesty, leadership ability, sense of purpose, and experiences to promote a growing understanding of what it means to be a physician (shadowing). Commitment and ability to meet the healthcare needs of Alabama's underserved populations (urban and rural), commitment to biomedical research careers, and commitment to primary care careers are desirable. There is a special acceptance program for state residents committed to rural practice in Alabama. Information is available at: <http://bama.ua.edu/~ruralmed/>. Transfers from other LCME-accredited medical schools are considered for students in good academic standing who have a compelling reason to transfer. AP or CLEP coursework may be accepted to meet a premedical requirement on a case-by-case basis, but they are least likely to be accepted for biology and chemistry courses. Other requirements include: minimal total MCAT of 24, minimum grade of "C" on all required coursework, and 90 hours undergraduate credit from an accredited US college or university. With rare exceptions completion of an undergraduate degree is required and all work toward current degrees must be completed prior to matriculation to the medical school.

### **Financial Aid**

Available loan funds are disbursed primarily on the basis of demonstrated financial need. State merit scholarships are available in limited numbers to Alabama residents with exceptional academic records. The school offers a limited number of scholarships based on student need. State residents, committed to rural practice in specific areas of Alabama, can qualify for a loan forgiveness program.

### **Information about Diversity Programs**

Through the Office of Minority Programs, the Admission Committee attempts to identify and provide academic counseling and information to students from groups underrepresented in medicine early in their college careers to facilitate application processes.

### **Campus Information**

#### **Setting**

All students complete the first two years in Birmingham. For required clinical rotations, students are assigned to Birmingham or one of two branch campuses. The Birmingham

campus is part of the UAB Medical Center, a world-renowned academic medical center with more than 70 research centers that encompasses 82 city blocks.

### **Enrollment**

For 2004, total enrollment was: 689

### **Housing**

About 1,700 spaces are available for students in five campus residence halls. Most medical students live off-campus and find affordable housing within a 15-minute commute to the campus.

### **Satellite Campuses/Facilities**

Both the Huntsville and Tuscaloosa campuses offer students opportunities for community-based education as well as rotations in regional medical centers offering a full range of medical specialties. Both campuses have new clinical education facilities.

### **Application Process and Requirements 2006–2007**

Primary Application Service: AMCAS

Earliest filing date: June 1, 2005

Latest filing date: November 1, 2005

Secondary Application Required: Yes

Sent to: Screened applicants

URL: [www.uasom.uab.edu/secondaryapplication](http://www.uasom.uab.edu/secondaryapplication)

Fee: Yes, \$70

Fee waiver available: Yes

Earliest filing date: August 1, 2005

Latest filing date: Varies

Oldest MCAT Considered: 2003

Early Decision Program - School does have EDP

Applicants notified: October 1, 2005

EDP available for: Residents only

Regular Acceptance Notice

Earliest date: October 15, 2005

Latest date: Until class is full

Applicant's Response to Acceptance Offer – Maximum Time: Two weeks

Requests for Deferred Entrance Considered: Yes

Deposit to Hold Place in Class: Yes

Deposit (Resident): \$50

Deposit (Non-Resident): \$100

Deposit due: With acceptance offer

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: Yes  
Refundable by: May 15, 2006

Estimated Number of New Entrants: 160 (10 EDP)  
Start Month/Year: July 2006

Interview Format: Individual interviews are held only on Thursdays, September through March. Regional interviews are not available.

Other Programs

### **PREPARATORY PROGRAMS**

**Postbaccalaureate Program:** No

**Summer Program:** Yes

<http://main.uab.edu/uasom/2/show.asp?durki=18972>

**Rural Medical Scholars Program:**

<http://main.uab.edu/uasom/2/show.asp?durki=26208>

### **COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS**

**Baccalaureate/MD:** Yes - <http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=27435>

**MD/MPH:** Yes - [www.soph.uab.edu/content.asp?ID=727](http://www.soph.uab.edu/content.asp?ID=727)

**MD/MBA:** No

**MD/JD:** No

**MD/PhD:** Yes - [www.uab.edu/uasom/mstp/index.html](http://www.uab.edu/uasom/mstp/index.html)

### **Premedical Coursework**

Inorganic Chemistry	Required	8 semester hrs with lab
Behavioral Sciences	Recommended	
Biochemistry	Recommended	
Biology		
Biology/Zoology	Required	8 semester hrs with lab
Calculus	Recommended	
College English	Required	6 semester hrs
College Mathematics	Required	6 semester hrs
Computer Science	Recommended	
Genetics	Recommended	
Humanities	Recommended	
Organic Chemistry	Required	8 semester hrs with lab
Physics	Required	8 semester hrs with lab
Psychology	Recommended	
Social Sciences	Recommended	

### **MCAT Information: 2004 Accepted Applicants**

MCAT required: Yes

Verbal Reasoning 10

Physical Sciences 10

Biological Sciences 10

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**Overall GPA Median:** 3.76

**Science GPA Median:** 3.72

### **Selection Factors**

Proportion of Accepted Applicants with Relevant Experience

Community Service/Volunteer	75%
Medically-Related Work	74%
Research	54%

### **Acceptance & Matriculation Data for 2004-2005 First Year Class**

	Residents	Non-Res.	Internat'l	Total
Applied	395	1109	11	1515
Interviewed	317	125	0	442
Deferred	6	1	0	7
<b>Matriculants</b>				
Early Assurance Program	0	0	0	0
Early Decision Program	8	0	0	8
Baccalaureate/MD	5	0	0	5
MD/PhD	2	5	0	7
Matriculated	143	17	0	160

Applications accepted from International Applicants: No

### **Specialty Choice**

2000, 2001, 2002 Graduates, Specialty Choice

(As reported by program directors to GME Track™)

Anesthesiology	8%
Emergency Medicine	4%
Family Practice	11%
Internal Medicine	22%
Obstetrics/Gynecology	4%
Orthopedic Surgery	2%
Pediatrics	10%
Psychiatry	3%
Radiology	6%
Surgery	7%

### **Matriculant Demographics 2004-2005 First Year Class:**

Men: 94      Women: 66

Matriculant's Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity

Mexican American	1
Cuban	0

Puerto Rican	0
Other Hispanic	2
Non Hispanic	158
Chinese	3
Asian Indian	11
Pakistani	2
Filipino	0
Japanese	0
Korean	2
Vietnamese	0
Other Asian	2
Native American	3
Black	15
Native Hawaiian	0
White	125
Other Race	0
Unduplicated Number of Matriculants:	160
Science Majors:	51%
Matriculants with Baccalaureate degree:	100%
Graduate degree(s):	6%

**Financial Information**

Resident tuition:	\$10,219
Non-Resident tuition:	\$30,657
Resident fees:	\$2,924
Non-Resident fees:	\$2,924
Health insurance:	\$999 (can be waived)
Fees include:	
Student services:	Yes
Lab:	Yes
Computer:	No
Student activities:	Yes
Technology:	Yes
Microscope rental:	No
Health service:	Yes

% of Enrolled Students Receiving Financial Aid: 79%

Average Aid Package:

Scholarships/Grants: \$6,528

Loans: \$12,593

Cost of Attendance (minus tuition and fees): \$17,122

Average 2004 Graduate Indebtedness: \$90,742