

NOTICE THE GPAS!!

DATA FROM RECENT CLASSES AT SOME PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

(The numbers don't change drastically from year to year)

ALLOPATHIC (MD) SCHOOLS — Medians for accepted applicants (*not matriculants*) in 2009

University of Missouri – Columbia Science GPA 3.8 Overall GPA 3.9
MCAT: Verbal = 10 Biol. Sci. = 10 Phys.Sci. = 10 Writing = Q
[2010 matriculants: MCAT total = 31.0, Science GPA = 3.72, Overall GPA = 3.75]

University of Kansas Science GPA 3.7 Overall GPA 3.7
MCAT: Verbal = 10 Biol. Sci. = 10 Phys.Sci. = 9 Writing = P
[2010 matriculants: MCAT total = 29.2, Science GPA = 3.64, Overall GPA = 3.69]

St. Louis University Science GPA 3.8 Overall GPA 3.8
MCAT: Verbal = 10 Biol. Sci. = 11 Phys.Sci. = 11 Writing = Q

Washington University (St. Louis) Science GPA 3.9 Overall GPA 3.9
MCAT: Verbal = 11 Biol. Sci. = 13 Phys.Sci. = 13 Writing = Q

OSTEOPATHIC (DO) SCHOOLS — Averages for matriculants in 2010

Kansas City Univ. of Medicine and Biosciences Average MCAT total = 26
Science GPA 3.52 Overall GPA 3.563

Des Moines University Average MCAT total = 27.5
Science GPA 3.62 Overall GPA 3.67 Median MCAT writing = 0

DENTAL (DDS) SCHOOLS — Medians for matriculants in 2010

University of Missouri – Kansas City Science GPA 3.61 Overall GPA 3.63
DAT: Academic avg. = 18.4 Perceptual ability = 18.6 Total science = 18.4

Creighton University Science GPA 3.46 Overall GPA 3.56
DAT: Academic avg. = 18.8 Perceptual ability = 19.9 Total science = 19.0

OPTOMETRY (OD) SCHOOLS — Averages are for matriculants in 2010

University of Missouri – Saint Louis GPA = 3.39 OAT total = 311

Oklahoma (NE State) GPA = 3.49 OAT total = 312

VETERINARY (DVM) SCHOOLS —

University of Missouri – Columbia [matriculants in 2009] GPA = 3.74

Kansas State Univ. [matriculants in 2010] Science GPA = 3.5 GRE total = 1174

ADMISSION TESTS

For links to many important web sites, go to <http://www.jewell.edu/premed/> .

MCAT

The Medical College Admission Test is required by almost all allopathic and osteopathic schools and is an option for some veterinary schools. It is offered on about two dozen different dates from January through September. It is a multiple-choice exam taken on a computer at a testing center, and it lasts about five hours. There are four major sections: Physical Sciences (general chemistry and physics), Verbal Reasoning, Biological Sciences (biology and organic chemistry), and Writing Sample. Scores on the first three sections are reported on a scale from 1 to 15 (with an average total for the three scores of about 25). Scores on the writing sample are reported on a scale from J to T (with an average score of O). Most schools do not accept scores that are more than three years old.

DAT

All dental schools require applicants to have taken the Dental Admission Test. It is offered year-round. It is a multiple-choice exam taken on a computer at a testing center, and it lasts nearly five hours. There are four major sections: Quantitative Reasoning, Perceptual Ability, Reading Comprehension, and Survey of Natural Sciences (40% biology, 30% general chemistry, and 30% organic chemistry). Scores are reported on a 1 to 30 scale, with mean scores close to 17. Perceptual Ability and Total Sciences are scored separately, and then an Academic Average is the mean score on Quantitative Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Biology, General Chemistry, and Organic Chemistry (the last three being subsections of the Natural Science test).

OAT

All schools of optometry require applicants to have taken the Optometry Admission Test. It is a multiple-choice exam taken on a computer at a testing center, and it lasts about five hours. It is offered year-round. There are four major sections: Survey of the Natural Sciences (Biology, General Chemistry, and Organic Chemistry), Reading Comprehension, Physics, and Quantitative Reasoning. Scores are reported on a 200 to 400 scale, with an average score of 300. *An alteration to the method of scoring in 5/09 means that scores on tests taken before that date are generally higher than scores on tests taken after that date.*

GRE

Most applicants to veterinary schools submit scores from the Graduate Record Examination General Test. It is a multiple-choice exam taken on a computer at a testing center, and it lasts about 3.5 hours. It is offered year-round. There are three major sections: Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing. Scores on the first two sections are reported on a 200 to 800 scale, and scores on the Analytical Writing section are reported on a 0 to 6 scale. Mean scores have been about 465 on Verbal, 585 on Quantitative, and 4 on Analytical Writing.

Starting on 8/1/11, a new (“user-friendly”) test format will be used. The scores for Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning will be reported on a 130 to 170 scale. Scoring on the Analytical Writing section will be unchanged.

PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

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ALLOPATHIC AND OSETOPATHIC SCHOOLS

Initially, applications are sent to an application service. These application services (the American Medical College Application Service, AMCAS, for allopathic schools and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service, AACOMAS, for osteopathic schools) streamline the application process by checking your application for accuracy and then sending it on to the schools to which you want to apply. Applications are available online in the spring for use in summer and fall. Once you complete your application, it can take 4-6 weeks for your application to be reviewed before it is forwarded to the schools that you choose. It is important to note that the application deadlines for allopathic schools range from October to December, while deadlines for most osteopathic schools are from January to April. However, since many schools make admissions decisions on a rolling basis, it is important for you to complete your application as early as possible (preferably before the beginning of the fall semester).

DENTAL SCHOOLS

Initially, applications to are sent to an application service (AADSAS, the Associated American Dental School Application Service). The application service streamlines the application process by checking your application for accuracy and then sending it on to the schools to which you want to apply. Applications for the next entering class are available online in May. Once you complete your application, it will take 4-8 weeks for your application to be reviewed before it is forwarded to the schools that you choose. It is important to note that the application deadlines for dental schools vary from September to January. However, since many schools make admissions decisions on a rolling basis, it is important for you to complete your application as early as possible (preferably before the beginning of the fall semester).

OPTOMETRY SCHOOLS

Initially, applications to are sent to an application service (OptomCAS, the Optometry Centralized Application Service). The application service streamlines the application process by checking your application for accuracy and then sending it on to the schools to which you want to apply. Applications for the next entering class are available online in July. Once you complete your application, it will take 4-6 weeks for your application to be reviewed before it is forwarded to the schools that you choose. It is important to note that the application deadlines for schools of optometry vary, with many falling in February and March. However, since most schools make admissions decisions on a rolling basis, it is important for you to complete your application as early as possible (preferably before the beginning of the fall semester).

VETERINARY SCHOOLS

Some schools require a direct application. Others require an application through VMCAS, the Veterinary Medical College Application Service. Many schools have an application deadline of October 1. It is essential that you complete your application as early as possible (preferably before the beginning of the fall semester).