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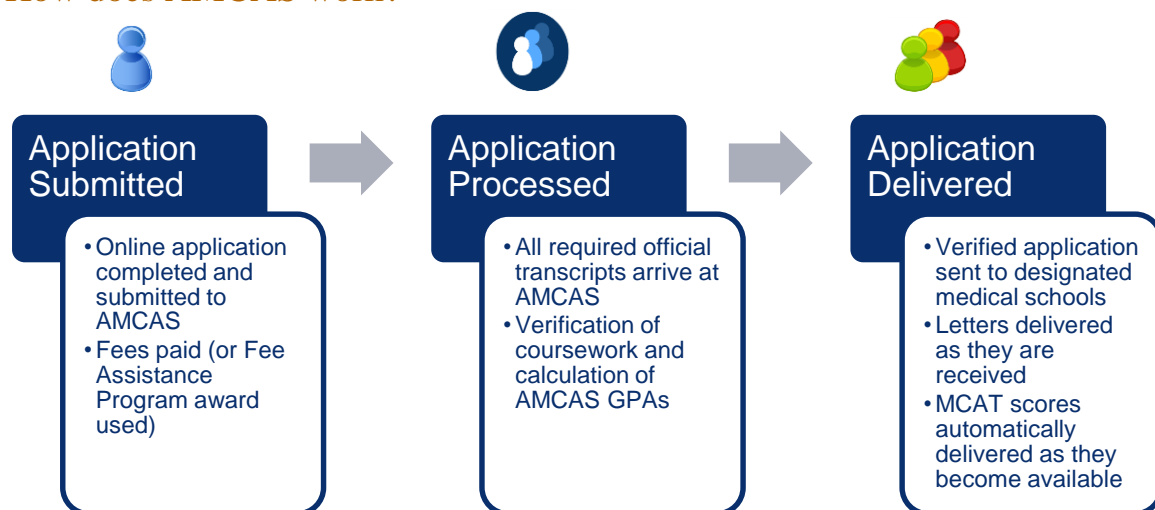
What is AMCAS?

Welcome to the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®). AMCAS is a centralized application processing service that is only available to applicants to the first-year entering classes at participating U.S. medical schools. Advanced standing and transfer applicants should contact the medical schools directly for assistance.

You are about to begin the important process of applying to medical school. AMCAS simplifies the process by requiring you to submit only one set of application materials.

AMCAS is not involved in the admissions decision-making process. These decisions are made solely by the medical schools. Consult the [Medical School Admissions Requirements website](#) and contact the medical schools to which you will apply to obtain each school's admissions requirements.

How does AMCAS work?



Getting Help with Your Application

Online | www.aamc.org/amcas

Answers to most questions are available on our website: www.aamc.org/amcas. There you can find FAQs, resource documents like this Guide, and video tutorials that provide additional instruction and demonstration. There is also a **Help** button within the online application that will open related information while you are working.

Follow @AMCASinfo on Twitter for updates and announcements from AMCAS.

 www.twitter.com/AMCASinfo

 www.youtube.com/AMCASinfo

Phone | 202-828-0600

Applicant Relations Specialists are available to assist you Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET. Please have your AAMC ID number available when you call.

Email | amcas@aamc.org

To ensure a quick response, please include the subject of your inquiry in the subject line and your AAMC ID number in the body of your message.

After your application has been submitted, you may check its status online. Other than what is available from this system, AMCAS staff does not have additional information on your application's status.

Before You Begin

AMCAS Submission and Deadlines

The individual medical schools set the deadlines for each of their program types and indicate the date when transcripts must be received by AMCAS. Be sure to have official transcripts sent to AMCAS in a timely manner to avoid processing delays and missed deadlines. Your AMCAS application may be submitted before or after your official transcripts and letters of evaluation reach AMCAS. Just remember that after you submit your application, the types of changes you can make are limited. Once your application is submitted **and** all of your official transcripts are received, your application will be ready for verification. After your application is processed, letters of evaluation will be distributed to the specified medical schools as they are received. Your processed application will reflect your AMCAS GPAs, which can be found on your printable application.

The Early Decision Program deadline for your application and all official transcripts is August 1.

To meet an AMCAS deadline, your application must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on the deadline date. Official transcripts for regular applicants must be received within 14 calendar days after the application deadline.

Materials received during peak periods (June-September) may take considerably longer to process. If your application is returned to you because of errors that must be corrected, you may miss deadlines and forfeit fees. If your application is returned to you by AMCAS, the date you officially submit the updated application will be used to determine if you have met the application deadline(s) for your designated medical schools. It is critical that you read all instructions and submit all materials in a timely fashion.

Application Processing

During our peak season, AMCAS processing takes about six (6) weeks and does not begin until your application has been submitted and all required transcript(s) have been received. Once your application reaches the status of “Under Review,” AMCAS performs an initial review to determine if there are any missing or incorrect items that may prevent processing. If omissions or errors cannot be resolved, your application will be returned.

The most common reasons for a Returned application include:

- **failure to include original grades and credit hours for repeated courses**
- **failure to list 10 or more courses that appear on the official transcript**

You may **not** submit a corrected or changed application unless specifically requested to do so by AMCAS.

Once your application has been submitted:

- Acknowledgment of its receipt will be sent to you via email. You may also verify receipt through your application's Main Menu. This acknowledgment does not indicate that your materials are complete or that deadline requirements have been met.
- AMCAS will then determine if all official transcripts have arrived. If not, your application will be held until they have all been received. AMCAS will send an email notification every 10 business days until the missing transcripts arrive or

until all deadlines have passed. You may also check the status of your transcript(s) by returning to your application’s Main Menu. Do not assume transcripts received by AMCAS are official until your application has been processed by AMCAS.

- If any transcripts are discovered to be missing or incomplete during verification, AMCAS will stop verifying your materials and send you an email notifying you of the problem. Omission of any necessary materials will cause processing delays and possibly missed transcript deadlines.
- When your application and all transcripts are on file, AMCAS verifies your entered coursework against your official transcripts.

Verification

AMCAS uses these symbols when verifying your coursework:

Symbol	Meaning
/	A course verified without correction
X	A course verified with corrections
O	A course listed on the Academic Record but not reflected on an official transcript; format corrections were not required
⊗	A course listed on the Academic Record but not reflected on an official transcript; format corrections have been made
≠	Coursework not intended to be verified by AMCAS

To see the formulas that AMCAS uses to calculate GPA, see the [Grade Conversion Guide](#).

During Verification AMCAS performs a line-by-line comparison of the information you entered in the Course Work section of the application to the information on your official transcript(s). For this reason, it is recommended that you request a copy of your official transcript(s) for yourself and use it while you are completing the Course Work section. AMCAS also calculates several different AMCAS GPAs during Verification. AMCAS GPAs often differ from the GPA shown on your records at the institutions you have attended.

Investigations

The AAMC must ensure high ethical standards for admission to and enrollment in medical schools. Accordingly, if you are an applicant to medical school or a registrant for the MCAT, you must provide complete, current, and accurate information throughout the admission and examination processes.

The AAMC investigates any falsification, omission, or discrepancy in application materials and irregular behavior exhibited during the administration of the MCAT. If a potential case is identified, you will be notified and asked to provide relevant information. If the investigation confirms reported information, a report will be issued for the current entering class, as well as any time in the future.

In addition, prior to the conclusion of an investigation and the issuance of a final report, the AAMC offers the option and reserves the right to request arbitration for the following reasons: (1) you conclude that a draft report unfairly characterizes the matter under investigation or (2) an agreement between parties on the content and language of the report cannot be reached.

Arbitration shall be conducted through written submission to the American Arbitration Association in Washington, DC. An investigation may result in delays in processing application materials and/or reporting MCAT scores.

For more information, see the [Policies and Procedures for Investigating Reported Violations of Admission and Enrollment Standards](#).

Certification Statement

In order to complete and submit your application, you must certify the following statements by checking each box and clicking the Agree button.

Be sure to review the [AAMC Recommendations for Medical School and M.D.-Ph.D Candidates](#).

- I certify that the information in this application and associated materials is current, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that all written passages, such as the personal statement, essays required from M.D.-Ph.D. applicants, and descriptions of work/activities, are my own and have not been written, in part or in whole, by a third party. Quotations are permitted if the source is cited.
- I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the [AMCAS Instruction Manual](#), including the provisions noting that I am responsible for monitoring and ensuring the progress of my application process by checking the Main Menu of my application. I understand that I am also responsible for reviewing my application after AMCAS processing is complete.
- AAMC investigates and may report to legitimately interested parties discrepancies in information, attempts to subvert the admission process, and any other irregular matter that occurs in connection with application activities. I understand and agree that the sole and exclusive remedy available to me to appeal or otherwise challenge the AAMC's decision to send an investigation report to legitimately interested parties shall be confidential, binding arbitration through written submissions only to the Washington, D.C. office of the American Arbitration Association under the expedited procedures for commercial matters. I understand that my failure to request in writing arbitration within 30 calendar days of receipt of an investigation report that has been approved by the AAMC for transmittal to interested parties will constitute an absolute bar and waiver of this exclusive remedy. I further understand that the sole issue for arbitration shall be whether the AAMC acted reasonably and in good faith in making its decision.
- I understand that I am responsible for knowing and understanding the admissions requirements for each school to which I am applying, and that I am not eligible for a refund of AMCAS fees if I do not meet the admissions requirements of the medical schools.
- I understand that I am required to inform the Admissions Office of each medical school to which I apply if I am convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to, a misdemeanor or felony crime after the date of my original application submission and prior to medical school matriculation. I understand that this communication must be in writing and must occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the conviction.

- I understand that I am required to inform the Admissions Office of each medical school to which I apply if I become the subject of an institutional action after the date of original application submission and prior to medical school matriculation. I understand that this communication must be in writing and must occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the institutional action.
- I acknowledge and agree that my sole remedy in the event of any errors or omissions relating to the handling or processing of my application is to obtain a refund of my AMCAS application fee; however, I may be eligible for a refund only if I have notified AMCAS of any errors or omissions within ten (10) days of application processing completion.
- I understand that AMCAS has my permission to release information, at the request of the medical school(s), to a third party to pre-populate online secondary applications.

By checking each box and clicking Agree, you indicate your intent to agree to the above.

Registration

You must register with AAMC to get a username and password before starting the AMCAS application process. If you previously registered for the MCAT exam, MCAT Testing History, or the Fee Assistance Program, you should use the same username and password.

To register with the AAMC, click the **Sign In** link in the top-right of [the AMCAS home page](#), then click **Register for an AAMC Account**. All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required. AMCAS is not responsible for delays that result from inaccurate registration information. Entering false information or creating multiple AAMC ID numbers may result in an investigation.

After successfully completing the AAMC registration, the system will prompt you to create a username and password. The username must be at least six characters. You will also need to select a security challenge question and enter a response. The security challenge question will be asked in the event that you need to reset your password. If you took the MCAT after 1977, AMCAS will locate your MCAT username and you will be prompted for a password. Click **Continue** to save the information and automatically log in to the system.

In order to access any component of AMCAS, you must log in with a valid username and password. In the event that you cannot remember your password, click the “Can’t remember” link and a temporary password will be sent to the email address provided during registration. **Do not create multiple AAMC ID numbers by registering a second time, as this may result in an investigation.** You are logged in automatically after the initial registration process.

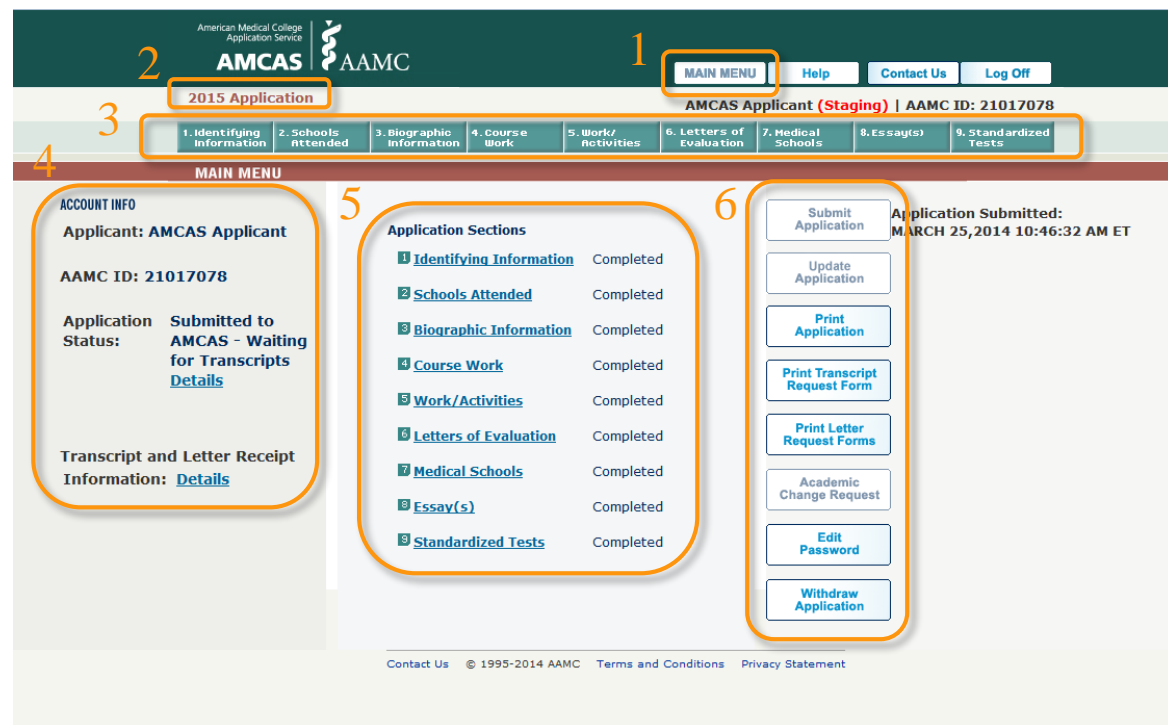
Accessing the Application

You can access the AMCAS application by visiting www.aamc.org/amcas.

If you are a deferred /delayed matriculant or re-applicant who has completed a previous application, complete your AMCAS application using the same username and password you created for the previous application.

Overview of the Application

The Main Menu screen (pictured below) serves as a central hub for navigating through the application.



1. Available from any section of the application, these buttons return you to the Main Menu, Help, and Contact Us areas and allows you to Log Off from AMCAS.
1. The left side of this bar displays the current application year. The right side of the bar displays your name and AAMC ID number.
2. Use these buttons to display the various sections of the AMCAS application.
3. The Account Info section displays your name, AAMC ID, and your application's status.
4. This section displays the status of each section in the application. "Incomplete" indicates that additional information is required. "Complete" indicates that you have completed all fields that the system requires. It does not indicate, however, that you have met all the requirements of the application process. For example, "Complete" will be displayed if you have entered data in all the fields marked with a red asterisk (*) in the Course Work section; however, you may also be required to enter grades and credits for the coursework you have entered. Similarly, sections that are optional prior to application submission such as Letters of Evaluation, may show Complete even if you have yet to enter any letters.
5. Use these buttons to submit or update your application; print your application, a transcript request form, or a letter request form; make an academic change request; edit your current password; or withdraw your application. Some buttons are inactive until you have completed the required sections of the application. The Update Application button will only become active after you have made an allowable change to a submitted application.

Sections in the AMCAS Application

1. **Identifying Information** Enter your name, birth information, and sex.
2. **Schools Attended** Enter your high school and college information. The Identifying Information and Schools Attended sections must be complete before you request official transcripts.
3. **Biographic Information** Enter basic information regarding citizenship, legal residence, language proficiency, self-identified ethnicity and race, parent(s)/guardian(s), siblings, and criminal convictions.
4. **Course Work** Enter information, grades, and credits for every course that you have enrolled in at any U.S., U.S. Territorial, or Canadian post-secondary institution.
5. **Work/Activities** Enter any work or extracurricular activities, awards, honors, or publications that you would like to bring to the attention of the medical school(s) to which you are applying. A maximum of 15 experiences may be entered, some of which you will designate as your “most meaningful” experiences.
6. **Letters of Evaluation** Add letters of evaluation contact information.
7. **Medical Schools** Designate the medical school(s) to which you want to submit an application and, if applicable, designate letters of evaluation for some or all medical schools.
8. **Personal Statement** Use this section to compose a personal essay explaining why you selected the field of medicine, what motivates you to learn more about medicine, any pertinent information about you not included elsewhere in the application, special hardships or experiences that have influenced your educational pursuits, and commentary on significant fluctuations in your academic record not explained in the application.
9. **Standardized Tests** Use this section to review MCAT scores earned between 1991 and 2003 and enter any additional test information, such as GRE scores. MCAT scores earned in 2003 or later will be automatically released to AMCAS.

Schools Attended, Transcripts, and Coursework

Misrepresentation or omissions may prompt an investigation and/or delay processing of your application, which may result in missed deadlines.

The Schools Attended section allows you to list the high school from which you graduated as well as each post-secondary institution where you were enrolled for at least one course, even if credits have been transferred or if no credits were earned. In addition, list any degrees that you earned or anticipate earning while attending the school(s) as well as your major(s) and minor(s).

For full information and instructions related to special circumstances like study abroad, military coursework, and other educational experiences, see the [AMCAS Instruction Manual](#).

High School

Enter the high school from which you graduated.

- **General Educational Development (GED)**
If you received your GED certificate, please list the state and county where the certificate was awarded. In the School field, choose “Other (Not Listed).” In the box provided, type “General Education Development certificate,” then enter the city where you took the test, and the year the certificate was received.
- **Home School**
If you were home schooled, please list the state and county where you were home schooled (or received your diploma). In the School field, choose “Other (Not Listed)”. In the box provided, type “Home Schooled,” then enter the city where you were home schooled, and your graduation year.
- **Multiple High Schools**
If you attended multiple high schools, only include the school from which you graduated.

Colleges

List every post-secondary institution where you were enrolled for at least one course, even if credits have been transferred, no credits were earned, or you withdrew.

- If you were enrolled in more than one program (e.g., undergraduate and graduate) at an institution, create a separate entry for each program.
- Create a separate entry for any U.S.- or Canadian-sponsored study abroad program in which you participated.
- If you change or delete a school, you will delete coursework previously entered for that school.

Incorrectly modifying school names may lead to processing delays, missed deadlines, and forfeited application fees.

The School Name field will be populated automatically by the option you select in the School drop-down list. Do not modify this name unless 1) you are certain you selected the correct school, program, and location, and 2) the existing name is in some way inaccurate. If you modify this school name, you are responsible for including the correct name, program, and location. If you attended this school for summer school only, or if you were involved in a study abroad program through this school that was not affiliated with a foreign school, check the appropriate box.

Releasing Information to Advisors

If you wish to authorize AMCAS to release information about your application to the designated Advisor(s) at the school(s) you attended, indicate "Yes." The school-designated advisor(s) have met AMCAS-established requirements and are bound by confidentiality. Information transferred includes your personal/demographic information, MCAT scores, GPAs, the names of your letter writers, and your letter of evaluation types, the names of any other schools you have attended, the medical schools to which you have applied and what action those schools have taken, and the status of your application with AMCAS. Additionally, checking this option allows AMCAS staff to discuss your application with the designated advisor(s) at this school.

Transcripts

The Transcript section of the application allows you to create and print AMCAS Transcript Request Forms to send to the registrars at schools from which AMCAS requires official transcripts. This section also allows you to request exceptions for transcripts that are not required by AMCAS.

While AMCAS will accept transcripts that are not accompanied by an AMCAS Transcript Request Form, AMCAS is not responsible for transcripts that cannot be matched to your application due to the omission of an AMCAS Transcript Request Form. AMCAS strongly encourages you to utilize these forms. Any time you request a paper official transcript for AMCAS, be sure to inform the registrar that the AMCAS Transcript Request Form should be attached to the transcript when it is sent.

We also strongly recommend that you request personal copies of your official transcript(s) for your use in completing the Course Work section of your application. Please review each transcript carefully to be certain that:

- All coursework to date is listed and accurate.
- Any narrative evaluations received instead of grades are attached to your record.
- All final grades are reported correctly.
- All final grade changes have been recorded clearly.
- Any list of other institutions attended is correct and complete.

Electronic Transcripts

AMCAS only accepts PDF eTranscripts from approved senders, who may submit electronic transcripts to AMCAS by means of a secure file transfer. AMCAS will not accept PDF eTranscripts by email or any other way. Remember that AMCAS accepts official paper transcripts from all institutions.

At this time, many schools that have the ability to send eTranscripts are not yet AMCAS-approved senders. **If your college or university has not requested that you provide a Transcript ID, they are not yet an approved sender.** Requesting an electronic transcript from a school that is not yet approved will result in delays for your application, as you will have to submit another request to your registrar for a paper transcript.

Problems with transcripts are the number one cause of processing delays and missed application deadlines. Please review this section carefully.

How do I know if AMCAS requires an Official Transcript?

One (1) official transcript is required from **each** U.S., U.S. Territorial, or Canadian post-secondary institution at which you have attempted coursework, regardless of whether credit was earned. This includes but is not limited to:

- College-level courses attempted while in high school, even if they did not count toward a degree at any college.
- Colleges at which you originally attempted a course, even if transfer credit was subsequently accepted by another school.
- Colleges where you registered but did not earn any credit (e.g., incompletes, withdrawals, failures, audits, etc.).
- Courses that did not count toward a degree, regardless of whether credit was earned or transferred.
- Extension programs through which you attempted courses, if a separate transcript is provided by the Extension Division.
- Correspondence and home study programs.
- Military education.
- American colleges overseas.
- U.S., U.S. Territorial, and Canadian **medical** schools.

Some universities issue separate transcripts for undergraduate and graduate coursework.

If No Official Transcript is Available

If the institution only provides a certificate of completion or no official transcript is available, the registrar of the institution must send AMCAS an official letter verifying that no official transcript is available.

If the Institution Closed

If an institution has closed, archived transcripts should be available. Ownership of the archived transcripts varies from state to state, but we suggest the following list to start the search:

- Department of Education
- Department of Commerce
- Another campus, if the school was part of a multi-campus system
- The National Student Clearinghouse
- Internet search engine

Your application will not be processed without an official transcript or letter indicating that no transcript is available.

College-level Courses Taken While in High School

Many students attempt college-level courses while still in high school. These primarily fall into the following categories:

- **Advanced Placement (AP) Prep Courses/Exams**
 Unless credit has been granted by a U.S. or Canadian post-secondary institution for an AP prep course or an AP exam, such information should **not** be listed on the application. If credit has been granted, courses/exams should be listed according to the instructions regarding AP credit.

Do not send high school transcripts or AP test scores to AMCAS.

- **Other Courses**

Many high school students take other types of college-level courses either independently or through special programs offered by their high school. Courses may be physically attended at the high school or at a college, depending on the program, but should be listed on the application under the name of the college.

You must contact the college involved to determine transcript availability prior to completing the application. If a transcript from the college is available, it must be forwarded to AMCAS and courses must be listed in the Course Work section.

If a transcript is not available from the college, do not send high school transcripts to AMCAS. Instead, the registrar’s office of the college should forward an official letter (with an AMCAS Transcript Request Form attached) indicating that no transcript is available due to institutional policies.

Applicants with foreign coursework, study abroad coursework, military coursework, CEGEP/Grade 13 coursework, or USAFI/DANTES credit should consult the full AMCAS Instruction Manual for information and instructions on entering these types of coursework.

[AMCAS Instruction Manual](#) | [▶ Study Abroad Tutorial](#) | [▶ Military Coursework Tutorial](#)

Transcript Exception Request

If you indicate that a transcript is not required, you must also request a transcript exception on the Transcript Exception Request screen. This is the only screen you can use to request a transcript exception. Once you submit your application, you will no longer be able to access this screen. If you need to request a transcript exception after you have submitted your application, please call or email AMCAS (202-828-0600 or amcas@aamc.org).

You must select one of the provided options as your transcript exception reason. These are the only available reasons for a transcript exception:

- Canadian CEGEP/Grade 13 Program
- Current or future coursework
- Consortium/cross-registration program, if no separate transcript is available from the school where coursework was attempted. Only one transcript is required for schools which you attended multiple times, as long all coursework appears on the same official transcript.
- Foreign college – study abroad program sponsored by a U.S., U.S. territorial or Canadian college.
- Foreign college – independent attendance, credits transferred to a U.S. or Canadian institution.
- Foreign college – independent attendance, no credits transferred to a U.S. or Canadian institution.

Remember that by selecting an option on this page you are **requesting a transcript exception; exceptions are not granted automatically.**

Re-applicants:

Transcript exceptions granted in previous years are not valid for other applications. You must request an exception with each application submitted.

If a school has placed a financial hold on your transcripts, AMCAS will not grant an exception under any circumstances.

Carefully research the availability of the transcript before completing this item. If AMCAS denies your exception request, you will be required to produce a transcript or letter from the registrar's office. If AMCAS reviews your request after a transcript deadline and subsequently denies the request, AMCAS cannot extend your deadline and will not send your application to the school(s) for which deadlines have passed.

If you are unsure about how to answer this question, you may wish to speak with your pre-health advisor or AMCAS staff by calling 202-828-0600 or emailing amcas@aamc.org. Be sure to include your AAMC ID number in any email correspondence.

Previous Matriculation

You have "matriculated" as a medical school student if you were officially enrolled and attended classes as a candidate for a medical school degree.

Answer **Yes** to this question if you have ever matriculated into any medical degree program at a medical school regardless of country. Check with the medical school if you have any questions regarding your matriculation status. Failure to accurately answer this question will result in an investigation.

If you answer **Yes**, you must use the space provided to explain your previous matriculation. You should include the name of the school to which you previously matriculated and why you are reapplying to medical school at this time. Your response may be up to 1325 characters or approximately one-quarter of a page in length.

If you are not certain whether or not you have been the subject of an institutional action, contact the registrar, student affairs officer, or other appropriate party at the institution for confirmation of your record.

Institutional Action

You must answer **Yes** to this question if you were ever the recipient of any institutional action by any college or medical school for unacceptable academic performance or conduct violation, even though such action may not have interrupted your enrollment or required you to withdraw. You must answer **Yes** even if the action does not appear on or has been deleted or expunged from your official transcripts due to institutional policy or personal petition.

If you answer **Yes**, you must briefly explain each instance, along with the date(s) of occurrence (MM/YYYY). Your response may be up to 1325 characters or approximately one-quarter of a page in length.

Failure to provide accurate information in answering this question or, if applicable, in completing the form provided by the school, will result in an investigation. Medical schools require you to answer this question accurately and provide all relevant information. Medical schools understand that many individuals learn from the past and emerge stronger as a result. Full disclosure will enable the medical schools to more effectively evaluate this information within the context of your credentials.

If you become the subject of an institutional action after certifying and submitting the AMCAS application, you **must** inform your designated medical school(s) within 10 business days of the date of the occurrence. d to the next section of the application.

Entering Coursework

▶ [Watch the video tutorials on entering different types of coursework.](#)

It is important to request a personal copy of your official transcript(s) to use as a reference while entering your coursework. Obtaining a copy of your transcript prior to completing this section helps ensure that your data is complete and accurate. Some information that appears on your official transcript may not be shown on an unofficial transcripts. Omitting coursework, grades, credits, or supplying incorrect grades may affect your AMCAS GPA and delay processing of your application, which could result in missed deadlines.

When entering coursework, you must include information and corresponding grades for every course in which you have ever enrolled at any U.S., U.S. Territorial, or Canadian post-secondary institution, regardless of whether credit was earned.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- All attempts at courses that have been repeated, which includes any courses removed from your transcript or GPA as a result of academic bankruptcy or institutional forgiveness policies.
- Courses removed from your transcripts or GPA as a result of academic bankruptcy, forgiveness, or similar institutional policies.
- Courses from which you withdrew.
- Courses for which you received a grade of "Incomplete" and for which no final grade has been assigned.
- Courses that you failed, regardless of whether they have been repeated.
- Remedial/developmental courses.
- College-level courses you took while in high school even if they were not counted toward a degree by any college.
- Courses taken at an American college overseas.
- Physical Education and Music courses
- M.D. and Foreign M.D. Courses

Red asterisks (*) appear next to those fields the system requires. Although an asterisk does not appear next to Transcript Grade and Credit Hours, you **must** complete these fields if the information appears on your official transcript.

Coursework Details

Enter courses in chronological order exactly as they appear on the official transcript of the school where they were originally attempted. This is especially important to remember if the credit for a course was transferred from one U.S. or Canadian school to another.

For example, suppose you primarily attended the University of Maryland and took “Intro to Pottery” at your local community college over the summer. You would list the community college in the “Schools Attended” section of the application (and request an official transcript for it) and add “Intro to Pottery” as a course you took at the community college. You would **not** list the course under the University of Maryland, even if the credits were transferred there.

Academic Year and Term

These fields show the Academic Year and Term during which you took the course. The AMCAS year begins with summer and ends with spring. Courses taken in the summer should be entered with the next academic year, even if your institution considers them in the previous year. For example, if you took a course in the first summer session of 2011, you should enter it as 2011–2012 academic year, even if your school considers it in the 2010–2011 academic year.

Year in School

The guidelines below will help you determine your Year in School for AMCAS. AMCAS is not responsible for any delays in processing and/or incorrect GPA calculations that might result from incorrect Year in School assignments. If the Year in School selected greatly exceeds the ranges specified below, AMCAS may reassign statuses.

Each undergraduate status should consist of approximately 24-35 semester hours. If you are enrolled as a **full-time, continuous** undergraduate at an institution, you should usually change your Year in School after every 2 semesters, 3-4 quarters, or 2-3 trimesters.

If you have been enrolled part-time or have had interrupted attendance, you should use these ranges to determine your appropriate status for each term:

High School (HS)	College-level coursework taken while in high school
Freshman (FR)	0-32 semester hours
Sophomore (SO)	31-64 semester hours
Junior (JR)	61-96 semester hours
Senior (SR)	91+ semester hours

If you have a significant amount of AP or college-level coursework credits prior to entering college, you may list your entire first college year as Freshman (FR) status. In doing so, you will most likely exceed the 0-32 credit hour guideline for freshman year, but your AMCAS GPAs will reflect your “true” first year in college; in these cases AMCAS will not change the academic status. However, if you would rather base your academic statuses based only on credit hours, your application will be accepted and verified as such.

The following rules will help you determine the appropriate AMCAS Year in School for all of your coursework (including foreign coursework):

- Do not assign more than one status to an academic term.
- Assign High School (HS) status to college-level courses taken prior to the high school graduation date you entered in the Schools Attended section, regardless of the physical location of the college-level course. This does not include AP, Exempt, or CLEP credit.
- Assign Freshman (FR) status to Advanced Placement, Exempt, or CLEP credit awarded when you first entered college.
- Once your undergraduate Year in School (FR, SO, JR, SR) has advanced (e.g., FR to SO), do not assign the previous status (e.g., FR) to coursework completed after this point.

If you have other special circumstances related to your Year in School, see the full [Instruction Manual](#) for guidelines on entering that coursework.

- Junior/Community College courses (e.g., associate degree coursework) should usually be listed as FR or SO if you took them before you attended a four-year institution. For attendance longer than two years at the same school, refer back to the Year in School section.
- Courses for a Bachelor's degree earned in three years should be assigned statuses of Freshman (FR), Sophomore (SO), and Senior (SR).
- Courses for a Bachelor's degree earned in more than four years should be assigned statuses of Freshman (FR), Sophomore (SO), Junior (JR), Senior (SR), Senior (SR), etc.
- Assign Post Baccalaureate (PB) status to any undergraduate level coursework you enrolled in:
 - After receipt of your initial BA/BS degree.
 - While enrolled in a graduate program, if coursework is not applied to a graduate degree.
- Assign Graduate (GR) status to any professional or graduate-level coursework that is not applied to an undergraduate degree.

Course Number and Course Name

Enter the exact course name in **English** and the exact course number as they appear on the official transcript in the designated fields. If the exact course name does not fit, enter a logical abbreviation. This information is critical for AMCAS to verify each course on the official transcript and for the medical school(s) to evaluate your application.

AMCAS is not responsible for any processing delays or missed deadlines resulting from incorrect listings of course names and numbers.

Course numbers should include all letters and numbers associated with the course, i.e., BIO 101. If a course number does not fit in the space provided, include the **last** eight digits rather than the first ones. Decimal points, if part of the course number on your official transcript, should be included when entering the course number.

Enter designations for all of your lab coursework exactly as they appear on the official transcript. If the lab credit is included with the lecture course credit, append the phrase "and Lab" to the exact course title as it appears on the official transcript. For example, if "General Chemistry II" appears on the official transcript and lab credit is included with the lecture course credit, enter "General Chemistry II and Lab" and select "Combined Lecture and Lab" in response to the question, "Did this course include a lab section?"

Transcript Grade

Enter the grade, symbol, or notation exactly as it appears on the official transcript from the institution where you attempted the course. If a grade appears on your transcript or you have earned a grade, you must enter it in the application, even though the field does not have a red asterisk.

If a transcript contains both numeric and letter grades, please contact the registrar's office of the school for clarification on how it should be listed.

If no grade is on the transcript, no grade entry is required unless the course has been subsequently repeated or removed due to academic bankruptcy or similar institutional policies. For the initial attempt of a repeated course, or for courses removed due to academic bankruptcy or similar institutional policies, the transcript grade should be the original grade earned before the course was repeated, regardless of whether it appears on the official transcript or is included in your GPA. Failure to enter the original grade

received for repeated courses can lead to returned applications, missed deadlines, and forfeited fees.

AMCAS will automatically convert most standard undergraduate transcript grades to AMCAS grades based on conversions provided by the institutions. The AMCAS grade provides the medical schools with a standardized comparison for evaluating your background. You will be able to view AMCAS GPAs on the printable application after Verification has been completed. If, after the Verification process has occurred, you believe an incorrect AMCAS grade has been assigned to a particular course, you may submit an [Academic Change Request](#).

Credit Hours

Your AMCAS application will automatically convert most undergraduate credit hours (also known as units, hours, etc.) to either semester hours or supplemental hours based on conversions provided by the institutions.

Indicate your credit hours or units **exactly** as they appear on your transcript even though the field does not have a red asterisk (*). Do not attempt to enter conversions based on the Grade Conversion Guide or any other conversion method.

If no hours appear on the official transcript, leave this item blank unless these credits have been removed as a result of failure, repeat, academic bankruptcy, forgiveness, or similar institutional policy. If this is the case, grades and credits should be entered as they originally appeared.

Course Classification

Each course must be assigned a course classification based strictly on the primary content of the course. The course classifications listed on the Course Classification Guide are bolded and are titled as they appear in the course classification drop-down list. The items beneath each bolded heading are examples of courses for which you should select that bolded course classification. You are responsible for selecting the correct course classification, but AMCAS reserves the right to change classifications if the assigned classification clearly does not apply. AMCAS is not responsible for incorrect GPA calculations resulting from incorrect course classifications. In the event that you are unable to comfortably classify a course, AMCAS suggests that you refer to the description of the course on the school's website.

Course classifications, in addition to describing the courses you enter, are used in the calculation of your AMCAS GPAs. Classifications that are highlighted in the "BCPM" grouping indicate that these courses will be included when calculating your BCPM GPA, which is comprised of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics courses. Classifications not grouped in "BCPM" indicate courses that will be included when calculating your AO (All Other) GPA.

The department offering the course is typically not a factor in the course classification. For example, a course should be classified as Biology if the primary content is biology, regardless which department offers the course.

See the full [AMCAS Instruction Manual](#) for more information about submitting and Academic Change Request.

The Course Classification Guide can be found on the following page.

Applications are not returned for incorrect course classifications.

Course Classification Guide

The following guide provides examples of how courses are often categorized. Please select course classifications based on the primary content of the course.

In the case of interdisciplinary courses, where two or more subject matters are combined into one course, refer to the description of the course on your school's website or consult with your Pre-health Advisor to choose the most appropriate course classification.

**Biology-
Chemistry-
Physics-Math
(BCPM)
Courses**

Biology (BIOL)

- Anatomy
- Biology
- Biophysics
- Biotechnology
- Botany
- Cell Biology
- Ecology
- Entomology
- Genetics
- Histology
- Immunology
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Physiology
- Zoology

Chemistry (CHEM)

- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry
- Thermodynamics

Physics (PHYS)

- Astronomy
- Physics

Mathematics (MATH)

- Applied Mathematics
- Biostatistics
- Mathematics
- Statistics

Behavioral & Social Sciences (BESS)

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Family Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology

Business (BUSI)

- Accounting
- Finance
- Human Resources Studies

- Management
- Marketing
- Organizational Studies

Communications (COMM)

- Journalism
- Media Production & Studies
- TV, Video & Audio

Computer Science & Technology (COMP)

- Computer Science
- Computer Engineering
- Information Systems
- Telecommunications

Education (EDUC)

- Counseling & Personnel Services
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Educational Administration
- Educational Policy
- Health Education
- Human Development
- Physical Education (Except for sports courses.)
- Special Education

Engineering (ENGI)

- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering

English Language & Literature (ENGL)

- Composition & Rhetoric
- Creative Writing
- Literature

Fine Arts (ARTS)

- Art
- Art History
- Dance
- Fine Arts
- Music
- Photography
- Theatre

Foreign Languages, Linguistics, & Literature (FLAN)

- American Sign Language
- Comparative Literature
- Foreign Language(s) & Literature
- Linguistics

Government, Political Science, & Law (GOVT)

- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Government
- International Relations & Studies
- Law/Legal Studies
- Political Science
- Public Affairs & Policy
- Urban Policy & Planning

Health Sciences (HEAL)

- Allied Health
- Chiropractic
- Dentistry
- Hearing & Speech Studies
- Hospital Administration
- Kinesiology
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Osteopathy
- Physical Therapy

- Physician Assistant
- Public Health
- Pharmacology & Pharmacy
- Sports Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine

History (HIST)

- History

Natural & Physical Sciences (NPSC)

- Agriculture
- Animal & Avian Sciences
- Environmental Science & Policy
- Forestry
- Geography
- Geology
- Horticulture
- Landscape Architecture
- Meteorology
- Natural Resources
- Oceanography

Other (OTHR)

(All courses that do not fit appropriately in another classification.)

- Architecture
- Library Science
- Military Science
- Sports (tennis, golf, aerobics, etc.)

Philosophy & Religion (PHIL)

- Ethics
- Logic
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Theology

Special Studies (SSTU)

- Afro-American Studies
- American Studies
- Gender Studies

Special Course Types

AMCAS has special designations for some courses. If applicable, assign one or more special course types by checking the corresponding box.

Do not send high school transcripts or AP test scores to AMCAS.

Advanced Placement (AP)

To claim AP credit, the credit hours must be listed on your transcript. AP courses should be entered under the term in which the college credit was initially granted. If no term is designated, include with freshman coursework (FR). Include AP credit courses only once (by selecting Advanced Placement as the Special Course Type), even though AP credit for the same subject may have been awarded by more than one institution. AP courses can be assigned under the institution awarding the most credit, but they cannot be listed under all the institutions that may have awarded credit. If AP credits appear in one block on the transcript, distribute the credit appropriately among the AP exams taken.

For example, the University of Southern California awarded 9 credits for 3 AP exams. On the official transcript, this credit appears as 9 credits for AP exams, with no indication of what each exam was. On the AMCAS application, enter each exam as an individual course and distribute the credits appropriately, not to exceed the total amount of credits earned.

If the transcript from the college awarding AP credit does not list actual course names, enter the subject area for which credit has been earned (e.g., AP Credit: English) as the Course Name.

If the following course types appear on your official transcript, they should be indicated as AP on the AMCAS application even if they are not technically Advanced Placement.

- ACE/ACT
- Bypass Credit
- CEEB
- Credit by Exam
- Departmental Exam
- Equivalency Exam
- Experimental Learning
- French Baccalaureate
- Life Experience
- Placement Exam
- Prior Learning
- Proficiency Exam
- Retroactive Credit
- Special Credit
- Test Out
- Validation Credit

Selecting Medical Schools and Program Types

You should review the most recent edition of the [Medical School Admissions Requirements website](#) and consult with a pre-health advisor for guidance in choosing medical schools.

AMCAS will not issue refunds for applicants who do not meet admission requirements of a medical school, including state residency requirements.

You should consider not only the requirements of each school as compared to your credentials, citizenship, and legal residence restrictions, but also the potential cost of application (including AMCAS service fees, secondary application fees, costs associated with interviewing, acceptance deposits, etc.) prior to designating any school.

Many medical schools only consider applications from U.S. citizens; some medical schools only accept applications from applicants who reside in certain states. Some schools may consider non-residents only under the Early Decision Program. **AMCAS does not evaluate residency eligibility or citizenship status.** Questions regarding eligibility and application restrictions should be directed to the admissions office of the specific medical school. It is your responsibility to determine eligibility before designating a school.

Selecting the Medical School(s) that Will Receive Your Application

In the AMCAS application, you can filter medical schools by state, deadline, and program type by making a selection from one (or more) of the drop-down lists. You may also select the medical school directly from the School drop-down list.

Once you have made a selection, information on the medical school's participation in other services (e.g., AMCAS Letters and Criminal Background Check Service) will appear. This additional information will update each time you select a medical school from the list.

Review your medical school designations carefully. Once you have submitted your application to AMCAS you cannot remove or substitute schools on your designation list under any circumstances.

To designate additional schools after you have submitted your application, return to the Medical Schools section of the application, select the additional schools you wish to designate, then return to the Main Menu to re-certify and officially update your application by clicking on the "Update Application" button. **You must re-certify and officially update your application with the newly designated schools by those schools' stated deadlines.** Updating your application will not delay the processing of your application. Deadlines may differ for different program types. There is a fee for electing to apply to additional medical schools.

Failure to acknowledge previous application activity may result in an investigation.

Previous Application to a Medical School

If you have a processed AMCAS application from a previous application year that was sent to designated medical schools, you are considered a re-applicant to those medical schools to which you previously applied, regardless of whether a secondary application was completed.

If you add a school to which you have previously applied (either through AMCAS, another application service, or directly to the school), you must indicate this in your application when you designate the school in your current application.

Medical School Program Types

When you are adding a medical school, the options listed next to Program are the available programs at the medical school you selected. You cannot designate multiple programs for a single medical school in the AMCAS application. If you wish to apply to multiple programs at a single school, you should contact the medical school directly for recommendations on how to select a Program.

Certain programs require that you obtain permission from the medical school prior to submitting an application to the program. In addition, a number of these programs may be restricted so that you are precluded from applying to other medical schools. Not all types of programs are available at all medical schools. See below for an explanation of each type of program.

- **Regular M.D.**

Regular M.D. refers to the standard Medical Degree program at the selected school.

- **Combined Medical Degree-Ph.D.**

Designating this program type notifies the M.D. program at this school that you are interested in applying to one of their Combined Medical Degree-Ph.D. programs, either alone or in combination with the Regular M.D. Program. Upon making this selection, you will also be asked to indicate the specific combined program(s) in which you are interested. This program type requires you to complete two additional essays in the Essay section.

Designating this program type is not the same as applying to this program and may require an additional application. Contact the medical school directly for additional information.

- **Combined Bachelors-Medical Degree**

You may not designate this program type without pre-approval from the medical school to which you are applying.

Designating this program type is not the same as applying to this program and may require an additional application. Contact the medical school directly for additional information.

- **Combined Medical Degree-Graduate**

Designating this program type notifies the M.D. program at this school that you are interested in applying to one of their Medical Degree/Combined Graduate programs, either alone or in combination with the Regular M.D. program. Upon making this selection, you will also be asked to indicate the specific combined program(s) in which you are interested.

- **Deferred/Delayed Matriculation**
You will need pre-approval from the medical school if you were admitted and granted a deferral to a medical school in a previous application year.
- **Other Special Program (OSP)**
An OSP is typically a special program of study offered by a medical school. OSPs tend to vary greatly from one institution to another, so you should refer to the [Medical School Admissions Requirements guides](#) or the medical school's website for detailed information about programs offered at the institution. This program option is made available to medical schools to use in the event that they have a program in addition to the program options already listed.

If you do not see the program you want to select, either the deadline has passed, the program requires pre-approval, or the program has a residency requirement. If the program deadline has not passed, contact the medical school to determine whether or not you are eligible to apply.

Early Decision Program (EDP)

The Early Decision Program (EDP) allows you to secure an acceptance from one EDP-participating medical school by October 1, while allowing sufficient time to apply to other schools if you are not accepted. EDP applicants agree:

- **Not** to apply through the EDP if they have already submitted an initial or secondary application (AMCAS or non-AMCAS) to a U.S. medical school for an M.D. degree program for the current entering class.
- To apply to only one medical school (AMCAS or non-AMCAS) through the Early Decision Program.
- **Not** to submit additional applications (AMCAS or non-AMCAS) until:
 - Receipt of an EDP rejection, or
 - Receipt of a formal release from the EDP commitment, or
 - The October 1 notification deadline passes. Contact your EDP school if you have not been notified of your status by October 1.
- To attend the school if offered an EDP acceptance.

Any violation of these conditions will result in an investigation.

You must adhere to the tenets set forth by a medical school if you are accepted to its Early Decision Program. This includes, but is not limited to, applicants accepted to the current entering class, delayed matriculants from a previous entering class, and all other applicants who are required by the medical school to submit an EDP application to the current entering class. Under these circumstances, application to other schools is prohibited.

Medical schools agree to notify EDP applicants of admission decisions by October 1 and may defer applicants to the regular applicant pool if appropriate.

EDP Deadlines

- August 1: Application submission and official transcripts.

- Any supplemental application materials must be received at your EDP school by the deadline they set.

If your application is received by the stated deadline, but any of your transcripts are late, you may still apply to the medical school’s Regular M.D. program. To do so, change the program type to which you are applying from “Early Decision” to “Regular M.D.” in the AMCAS application. Once you have made this change, you may also add additional medical schools.

Letters of Evaluation

The Letters of Evaluation section gives you the opportunity to indicate who will be writing letters on your behalf. A letter of evaluation is a letter in which the author assesses your qualities, characteristics, and capabilities. Most medical schools allow AMCAS to accept, collect and transmit letters of evaluation for their applicants. This service enables medical schools to receive all letters electronically with your AMCAS application and enables letter authors to send all letters to be considered by schools participating in this service to AMCAS rather than to each school individually.

For a current list of schools participating in AMCAS Letters, visit www.aamc.org/aboutamcasletters.

You may submit your application **before** your letters of evaluation arrive at AMCAS. Letters are not required to verify your application.

Important Terms

- **AAMC ID:** 8-digit identification number assigned to each user of AAMC products and services.
- **Letter ID:** Unique 7-digit number assigned to each letter entry on your AMCAS application.

Letter Request Form: PDF generated by you in the AMCAS application for designated letter authors, including your mailing address, AAMC ID, the Letter ID, and information about submitting letters to AMCAS.

Adding a Letter

You can have up to 10 letter entries associated with your AMCAS application. This relatively high number is intended to enable you and your letter authors to target specific letters for specific schools, if you wish to do so. This allowance does not suggest that any one school wishes to receive 10 letters. If your advising office or career center is forwarding your letters, please consult with the office prior to entering letter information to avoid complications.

AMCAS will retain and deliver letters only within a single application year. You cannot make any changes to letter information after you have created a letter entry. You cannot make any changes to letter information after you have created a letter entry. After the initial submission of the AMCAS application, letter entries cannot be deleted, they can only be designated as “No Longer Being Sent”. See the full [AMCAS Instruction Manual](#) and the [▶ Adding Letters of Evaluation video tutorial](#) for additional information on letters.

Each letter type, regardless of the actual number of letters, is only one letter entry. For example, a Letter Packet containing 4 letters is a single letter entry in the AMCAS application.

A letter of evaluation is automatically submitted to the medical schools once your application has been processed, the letter has been marked as “received,” and you have assigned the letter to the appropriate school(s) in your AMCAS application.

Information about how letter authors may submit letters to AMCAS is available on the Letter Request Form, which you will create in the Letters of Evaluation section of the application.

Types of Letters

- **Committee Letter:** A letter authored by a pre-health committee or pre-health advisor and intended to represent your institution’s evaluation of you. A Committee Letter may or may not include additional letters written in support of your application. This is sometimes called a Composite Letter.
- **Letter Packet:** A packet or set of letters assembled and distributed by your institution, often by the institution’s career center. A Letter Packet may include a cover sheet from your pre-health committee or advisor; however, in contrast to a Committee Letter, a Letter Packet does not include an evaluative letter from your pre-health committee or advisor.
- **Individual Letter:** A letter written by, and representing, a single letter author. If you have already included an Individual Letter within either a Committee Letter or a Letter Packet, you should **not** add a separate entry for that letter.

Each letter type, regardless of the actual number of letters, is only one letter entry. For example, a Letter Packet containing 4 letters is a single letter entry in the AMCAS application.

AMCAS will not delete a letter once it has been received.

Letters of Evaluation are available more quickly to medical schools if they are submitted electronically through the AMCAS Letter Writer Application, Interfolio, or VirtualEvals.

If a Committee Letter or Letter Packet is sent to AMCAS, the **entire** Committee Letter or Letter Packet will be sent to the schools you've designated to receive this letter entry. **AMCAS will not split packets or remove a letter from your packet** once it has been received. Therefore, if you wish to send a letter specifically to one medical school, you should enter this as an Individual Letter and have it sent separately from the packet.

The MCAT Exam and Other Standardized Tests

If you are an applicant to a special program, such as an M.D.-Ph.D. or an M.B.A.-M.D., medical schools may require other test scores in addition to your MCAT scores. Examples of other tests include the GMAT, LSAT, MAT, or GRE.

Medical schools need to know if they should expect future MCAT scores in support of your application—keep this information up to date.

MCAT Scores

Include the MCAT exams you have taken, or are scheduled to take, at the time you certify and submit your AMCAS application. Do not include exams that you voided at the time of the exam.

It is important to include your scheduled MCAT test dates on your AMCAS application, and keep this information up to date. Medical schools have no other way of knowing that they should expect additional MCAT scores from you.

MCAT scores earned in 2003 and later will be automatically released to AMCAS if you do not void your scores at the time of the exam. Once you release your scores, you cannot “unrelease” them; they will be included in all future AMCAS applications.

You may submit your AMCAS application prior to the release of your MCAT scores, if you choose. Alternatively, you can wait to submit your AMCAS application until after your MCAT scores are released.

MCAT exams taken prior to 2003

If you wish to release MCAT scores earned between 1991 and 2003 and have not yet done so, you may release the scores online at the following site:

www.aamc.org/students/mcat/sendscores.

To release scores earned before 1991, please complete the MCAT Testing History Report Request Form available at: www.aamc.org/students/mcat/sendscores/thxapplication.pdf.

Other Tests

Click **Yes** in the Other Tests section if you wish to include non-MCAT test scores in your application.

If a test you have taken has multiple sections (e.g., GRE-Math and GRE-Psych), treat each section as a separate test by entering each section individually. AMCAS does not verify scores on tests other than the MCAT exam. Your designated medical schools may require additional information and official score reports; do not send score reports to AMCAS.

Post-Submission Changes

Make certain that you have thoroughly reviewed your application prior to submitting. After the submission of your application, you can only make changes to the following sections:

- ID Numbers.
- Name, including Full Legal Name, Preferred Name, and Alternate Names.
- Contact Information including Permanent and Preferred Mailing Addresses.
- Alternate Contact Information.
- Date of Birth, Birth Address, and Sex.
- Letters of Evaluation (only additions of up to 10 letter entries and notifying AMCAS of a letter no longer being sent).
- Next MCAT testing date.
- Add Medical Schools and change existing Program type (deadlines, fees, and restrictions apply).
- Release application information to your pre-health advisor.

You must click the **Update Application button and re-certify your application each time you make an allowable change after your initial submission. If you skip this step, your**

▶ Watch the video tutorials on [how to make post-submission changes](#).

changes will **not** be saved. Updating your application does not affect your processing and will not result in delays.

Withdrawing Your Application

Withdrawing your application is **final**. Once you do so, you can no longer apply for the current application year.

To withdraw your AMCAS application from consideration, log in to the AMCAS application and click **Withdraw Application** from the right side of the Main Menu. This option is only available after submission when your application is in one of the following statuses: “Submitted to AMCAS – Ready for Review,” “Submitted to AMCAS – Waiting for Transcripts,” or “Returned.”

The initial processing fee is non-refundable, but you will receive a refund for each additional school designation whose deadline has not passed. If you need to withdraw your application from consideration after your AMCAS application has been processed, you will need to contact the medical schools directly. You are not eligible for an AMCAS refund in this case.

Additional Resources for Applying to Medical School

The AAMC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of medical education and the nation's health. The AAMC works with its members to set a national agenda for medical education, biomedical education, and health care, while providing services for its members. AMCAS is a service provided by the AAMC.

The AAMC represents all U.S. and Canadian medical schools, more than 400 teaching hospitals, and 100 academic and professional societies. The AAMC neither endorses nor has any relationship with commercial agencies concerned with admission to medical schools.

Fee Assistance Program

The Fee Assistance Program assists MCAT examinees and AMCAS applicants who, without financial assistance, would be unable to take the MCAT exam or apply to medical schools that use the AMCAS application. For more information on the Fee Assistance Program and to start an application, visit www.aamc.org/fap.

FIRST

Financial Information, Resources, Services, and Tools (FIRST) provides information on student debt management specifically for medical students. www.aamc.org/services/first

MCAT

The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT®) is required for applying to medical school. Visit www.aamc.org/mcat for more information.

Medical School Admissions Requirements

The Medical School Admissions Requirements is comprehensive resource listing requirements and other pertinent information for each medical school. The Medical School Admissions Requirements is updated and published annually. It's available for purchase at www.aamc.org/msar.

Social Media

For information, tips, and resources from AMCAS and other AAMC services for pre-meds, follow @AAMCPreMed on Twitter and like the AAMC Pre-Med Facebook page.



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For AMCAS-specific content, like deadline information, announcements, and processing updates, follow @AMCASinfo on Twitter.



www.twitter.com/AMCASinfo

For AMCAS video tutorials follow the AMCASinfo YouTube channel.



www.youtube.com/AMCASinfo

For full instructions regarding the AMCAS application, see the [AMCAS Instruction Manual](#).