WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS)

APPLICATION PROCESS AND CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist you in collecting the materials listed below.

**NOTE:** All application materials and official transcripts must be received on or before the application deadline (refer to item K of Checklist). Submit materials early, so they are not subject to mailing or other delays.

Applicants must have earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a strong science component from a regionally accredited college or university. For the Healthcare Bioinformatics concentration, a background in Computer Sciences is recommended. The recommended minimum overall GPA is 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

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_____ A) **ON-LINE APPLICATION WITH ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED**
Must be electronically submitted on or before the application deadline

_____ B) **APPLICATION FEE**
Non-refundable application fee of $50 made payable via credit card at the time you submit your online application.

_____ C) **AGREEMENT PAGE**
You can view content of agreement on the Apply Now Page.

_____ D) **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**
Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals (not related to you) who are familiar with your scholarship and research potential are recommended, however only one (1) is required.

  - An email will be sent to your recommender based on the information you provide in your online application
  - If you are a re-applicant from the previous year, one new letter of recommendation is required.

_____ E) **RESUME (INCLUDED IN ON-LINE APPLICATION)**

_____ F) **PERSONAL STATEMENT (INCLUDED IN ON-LINE APPLICATION)**
Please include a statement which includes your career plans and your interests in applying to the MSBS program.
G) **TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)**
TOEFL is required for all applicants submitting coursework from foreign schools.

**Minimum required score:**
- 92 (23 Speaking, 23 Writing, 23 Reading and 23 Listening) on the Internet Based TOEFL (IBT) is required.
- Official TOEFL scores must be submitted at the time of application.
- TOEFL scores are valid for 2 years.

H) **Official Test Scores:** One of the following test scores is required.
- **GRE:** Official test scores for the General Aptitude Portion (verbal, quantitative and analytical)
  - Scores greater than or equal to 300 on the combined verbal and quantitative
  - GRE must be taken within the last 5 years
- **MCAT:** No minimum score, MCAT must be taken within the last 3 years.
  Official MCAT’s are received via a link we have with the AAMC where we will require your individual 16 digit verification code and AAMC ID ([https://services.aamc.org/mcat_verify/](https://services.aamc.org/mcat_verify/)).
- **DAT:** Electronic - No minimum score, DAT must be taken within the last 3 years.

WesternU’s school code is 4152

I) **TRANSCRIPTS**
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A complete set of official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended in the United States is required. WesternU prefers to accept transcripts electronically. These transcripts are considered official documents if they are sent directly from your school using one of the many Online Transcript Exchange services. These services include Interfolio, Docufide, or E-Scrip Safe. Please check with your registrar to see if this service is available. If this service is available, please have your registrar’s office select the appropriate Western University of Health Sciences receiver account. If you are applying to multiple programs, you must submit a transcript to each program. Electronic transcripts should be sent to EDS@westernu.edu.

J) **EVALUATION OF FOREIGN COURSE WORK**
If you have foreign coursework, you must submit transcript evaluations from one of the following services: World Education Services or Josef Silny and Associates. Official transcript evaluations should be received in a sealed enveloped.

K) **APPLICATION DEADLINE**
Applications, including all supporting application materials must be received on or before April 18 for the fall semester (August). WesternU is not responsible for delays in mail delivery.