



WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

College of Health Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL SCIENCES (MSMS)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

All application materials including test scores (MCAT, DAT and OAT) are due no later than the application deadline, February 16th, in order to be considered for admission.

___ **A) APPLICATION**

Must be submitted through PostbacCAS

___ **B) PERSONAL STATEMENT (INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION)**

Please include a statement which includes your career plans and your interest in applying to the MSMS program. Please indicate to the admission committee which health profession you are looking to apply to (i.e., Medicine, Dentistry, Podiatry, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy). Students seeking matriculation in sole pursuit of a Master's in Medical Science, please also indicate your career plans and interest.

___ **C) RESUME (INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION)**

Include all previous employers and academic institutions attended.

___ **D) THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals (not related to you) who are familiar with your scholarship, health care service, and/or research potential are required. It is highly recommended that one letter be from a science faculty member and the other 2 can be from additional science or non-science faculty, a healthcare professional for whom you have worked or volunteered, and/or an employer or supervisor.

If you are a re-applicant from the previous year, only one new letter of recommendation is required. You can submit more than the one that is required, but only one additional letter is needed in order to complete your application.

All letters will be submitted through PostbacCAS

_____ **E) OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**

A complete set of official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended in the United States is required. All transcripts are required to be submitted to PostbacCAS.

Evaluation of Foreign Coursework

All foreign transcripts must be evaluated course-by-course with letter grades, pass/fail or credit/no credit and must specify which courses are considered undergraduate, graduate, and professional. Transcripts should be evaluated by a WesternU approved evaluation service.

_____ **F) OFFICIAL TEST SCORES**

Official test scores must be submitted directly from the testing service. Please submit your graduate health professions school admissions test.

- Pre-Dental DAT: 15 – Electronic
- Pre-Optometry OAT: 10 – Electronic
- Pre-Medical MCAT
- Pre-Podiatry MCAT

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

- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- MSMS

_____ **G) TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)**

TOEFL is required for all applicants submitting coursework from foreign schools. Minimum required score: 89 (23 Speaking, 22 Writing, 22 Reading, and 22 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) APPLICATION DEADLINE**

The application and all application materials must be received by PostbacCAS on or before February 16th. Students are highly encouraged to apply three weeks prior to the due date so as to allow time for application processing and scheduling of pre-interviews. Final interviews for the program will be conducted during the months of March and April. The MSMS program will conduct interviews during the months of March and April. Application materials received after February 16th will not be considered.