



Western
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Preview Day

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL SCIENCES

April 15th, 2021

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MSBS Questions

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Agenda

April 15th, 2021 | 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

3:30 – 4:00 pm

Welcome & Program Overview

Director of Student Affairs – Marcos Villa

4:00 – 4:30 PM

Admissions Details

Admissions Counselor – Julie Smith

University Recruiter – Raquel Feres

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Student Panel

Current MSMS Students



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FAQ

Question 1: When are applications due?

Applications must be received on or before the March 1st deadline. You are encouraged to apply early.

Question 2: Is there an advantage to applying early?

Definitely, applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Offers for interviews and admission are made continuously through the application cycle. Submitting all required documents early in the application cycle is of considerable advantage.

Question 3: Will my file be reviewed if you have not received my letters and/or transcripts?

No. All required application documents must be received before we can process your application.

Question 4: Is a college degree required for admission?

Yes, either a BA or BS degree with a strong science component covering the prerequisites from an accredited US institution must be awarded prior to matriculation into the MSMS program.

Question 5: Is there a minimum GPA required for admission?

Yes, a minimum overall GPA of 2.50 is required.

Question 6: Is there an application fee? If so, how much is the application fee?

Yes, there is a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee.

Question 7: Is there an advantage to being an in-state applicant?

No, all students are considered on the basis of their ability to complete the program.

Question 8: What types of letters of recommendation are required?

Three letters of recommendation are required. You will enter your recommender's information in your application. Our recommendation forms will be sent to your recommender electronically. You should choose individuals who are not related to you and who are familiar with your scholarship, health care service and/or research potential. One letter must be from a science faculty member and the other two can be from additional science, non-science faculty, healthcare professional for whom you have worked or volunteered and/or an employer or supervisor.

Question 9: Do you accept international students?

Yes.

Question 10: Do I need to take an admissions entrance exam to apply to the program?

Yes. Please refer to the table below:

Admissions Test Requirement

Professional Goal	Test Score Required	Centralized Application Service (optional)
Pre-medical	MCAT (within the last 3 years)	AACOMAS or AMCAS application
Pre-dental	DAT (within the last 3 years)	AADSAS
Pre-Optometry	OAT (within the last 2 years)	OPTOMCAS
Pre-podiatry	MCAT (within the last 3 years)	AACOMAS
Pre-pharmacy	PCAT, HSRT or GRE (general)	PHARMCAS
Pre-physician assistant	GRE (general, within the last 5 years)	CASPA
Pre-physical therapy	GRE (general, within the last 5 years)	PTCAS
Pre-MSNE (graduate Nursing)	GRE (general, within the last 2 years)	NURSINGCAS

Question 11: What score(s) do I need to be considered for admission to the program?

There are no set criteria for admittance; the most qualified applicants will be selected. Linkages, however, may have minimum requirements for consideration.

Question 12: Can I transfer from another graduate program?

Unfortunately, no. The MSMS program does not accept transfer students.

Question 13: Can I transfer credits from another graduate program?

The MSMS program generally does not accept transfer coursework.



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Application Requirements

1. A Bachelor's Degree from A Regionally Accredited U.S. Institution

- Should have a strong science component.
- Must be conferred by matriculation.
- BS or BA in any subject is acceptable.
- Degree must be completed by May 15th.

2. Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

3. Admissions Test – Only One Required (see table above)

4. Three Letters of Recommendation

- It is highly recommended that one letter be from a science professor or clinician.
- Committee letters are accepted.
- Method of submitting letters of recommendation:
 - Electronic: Recommendation forms will be sent to the recommender of your choice by entering the name and contact information in your online application. An email will be sent to your recommender with a link asking them to submit the online recommendation form.

5. Official Transcripts from All Schools Attended

6. Test of English As A Foreign Language – If Required

Required for all applicants submitting coursework from foreign schools. TOEFL scores are valid for two years. Official scores must be submitted at the time of application.

7. Proof of Legal U.S. Residency – If Required

- International applicants, or any other applicants who are not U.S. citizens and who are living in the U.S., must provide proof of legal U.S. residency prior to matriculation.