Master of Science in Medical Sciences (MSMS) Application Checklist

Welcome to the MSMS application process! We're excited to help you succeed. Use this checklist to stay organized, meet all requirements, and ensure your materials are received by the February 15, 2027 deadline.

The MSMS program has no prerequisite courses. However, to be considered for a professional degree pathway, you must complete that program's prerequisite courses and meet its admission requirements before starting the MSMS program. Applicants to the DO, DPM, DMD, and OD pathways must also submit the required MCAT, DAT, or OAT score before starting MSMS. You are responsible for confirming that you meet the requirements for your intended professional program.

A. Online 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 for which you will eventually apply (i.e., Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Podiatric Medicine or Physician's Assistant.

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 an additional science or non-science faculty, or healthcare professional for whom you have worked or volunteered, and/or an employer or supervisor. All letters must be submitted through PostbacCAS.

- ☑ If you are a reapplicant of the previous admissions cycle with a completed application, you are not required to submit new letters of recommendation.

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.

F. Evaluation of Foreign Coursework

- ☑ If you have foreign coursework, submit transcript evaluations from World Education Services (WES) or Josef Silny & Associates or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE).
- ☑ 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.
- ☑ Evaluations must be received by the application deadline.

G. Official Test Scores

- ☑ If your chosen program requires an admissions test, please ensure your scores are submitted by the application deadline to be considered for your primary pathway program of interest. Official test scores must be submitted directly from the testing service to WesternU- school code is 4152.
- ☑ Pre-Dental: DAT • Pre- Optometry: OAT • Pre-DO/Medical: MCAT* • Pre-Podiatry: MCAT *
- *After releasing your MCAT scores to WesternU, please email your Admissions Counselor with your 16- digit verification code and AAMC ID number so we can retrieve your scores directly.

H. 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.

I. Application Deadline

☑ The application and all application materials must be received by PostbacCAS on or before February 15, 2027, however, you are encouraged to apply early. The MSMS program will conduct interviews during the months of March and April. Application materials received after February 15, 2027, may not be considered.

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