

Case Western Reserve University Webinar
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- The AMCAS Application
 - Similar to undergraduate “Common App”
 - 9 Sections to Document and Describe
 - Biographical information
 - Academic History
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Personal Statement
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Select Medical schools
 - Calculating Your GPA
 - GPA on transcript may not equal AMCAS GPA
 - AMCAS converts/standardizes grades
 - All college-level classes (incl. High school, community college, etc.)
 - No grade replacement
 - *Search for AMCAS Grade Conversion Guide*
- Post-Bacc. Vs. Masters Programs
 - Post-Baccalaureate: Typically for career changers, fulfilling basic prerequisite coursework
 - Masters or Special Masters: typically for academic enhancement or redemption
 - *Don’t apply to medical schools unless nearly completed*
- MCAT Information
 - Below a 510 or AT a 510 = retake the MCAT
 - **CARS score on MCAT emphasized** & overall score
 - Don’t take too many times (no more than 3)
 - Most medical schools want to see the MCAT
 - Take when you feel best prepared
- The Personal Statement
 - Only one of the few parts of the application you have control over
 - Place to make a case for candidacy
 - Why *not* the most important

- Only one part
 - The “best” essay doesn’t guarantee interview or an acceptance
 - **What to Avoid**
 - Dramatic essays, famous quotes, inspirational sayings
 - Bragging
 - “I”, “I believe...”, “I know...”, “I am...”
 - Tangential topics, lack of focus
 - Reiterating experiences
 - Spelling and grammatical errors
 - Profanity
 - Unsuccessful attempts to be clever or flippant
- What do you need?
 - Medically-related experiences:
 - Physician shadowing, hospital volunteer, hospice volunteer, etc.
 - Have you explored?
 - Better understand the daily demands and challenges
 - Extracurricular Activities:
 - Avoid the “Pre-Med Checklist”
 - Community, Clubs, Fine Arts, Sports, Research, etc.
- Deadlines
 - Submit Early (June - July) to AMCAS
 - June 1-ish: can begin you application
 - July 1: Medical Schools begin receiving verified AMCAS applications
 - Can take up to 6 weeks
 - Don’t wait to submit primary or secondary applications
 - July - Late August: Complete Secondary Applications
 - August - March: Interviews
 - July - August: Medical School begins
- Gap Years
 - Take one if you are unsure what you want to do
 - Don’t be unproductive
- Pre-Requisites
 - 1 semester of General Chemistry
 - 1 semester of Organic Chemistry
 - 1 semester of Biochemistry
 - 1 semester of an Advanced Writing class
- Qualities
 - Socially adept, pursue activities out of interest/passion, not resume building
 - Emotional intelligence
 - Academically successful

- Compassionate for others
- Passionate
- Intellectually curious
- Altruistic
- Fun & Positive
- Focused, mature, but laid back
- Case Western Reserve University Medical School
 - Near Lake Erie
 - Location
 - University Circle, the Cultural Hub
 - 3 miles east of downtown
 - School of medicine
 - Allopathic
 - Founded in 1843, 3 miles from downtown
 - 3 distinct MD programs
 - Innovative curricula
 - Teaching hospitals
 - CC: #4 in country, #1 in cardiovascular system
 - Satellie 30 miles away
 - 3rd largest VA
 - Hispanic & LGBT community
 - The Medical Scientist Training Program
 - “MSTP” - MD/PhD
 - 8 years to complete
 - 11 - 14 students per class
 - Integrated with University Program curriculum
 - Federally-funded: support includes full tuition and a monthly stipend
 - *Significant research is required*
 - *381 Applications, 11 Interviews, 14 Students*
 - **The Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine**
 - 32 students per class
 - 5 year program
 - Curriculum
 - Combines research thesis with an integrated research curriculum
 - Problem-based Learning
 - Graduate with M.D. with special qualification in Biomedical Research
 - No grades
 - ***1,961 Applications, 265 Interviews, 31 Students***
 - **The University Program**
 - Training Physician Scholars:

- 170 Students per Class
- 4 year program
- Research not required to apply
- Curriculum
 - Integrated, basic sciences, medicine and public health
 - 50% small-group, 50% case-based learning
- ***5,831 Applications, 914 Interviews, 170 Students***
- Years 1 and 2: The Foundations of Medicine and Health
 - Goal = ask the right questions, think like a physician
 - What don't you know?
 - A lot of group work
 - 20 - 25 hours of required classwork time
 - Done by noon
- Additional Curricular Options
 - Joint Degree
 - Bioethics & Medical Humanities - 4 years
 - Applied Anatomy - 4 years
 - MPH - 5 years
 - BME - 5 years
 - Biomedical Investigation - 5 years
 - JD - 6 years
 - MBA - 5 years
 - New CWRU Pathways
 - Urban Health
 - Most popular
 - Medical Humanities & Ethics
 - Mandel Wellness & Prevention
 - Health Care Innovation & Entrepreneurship
 - Kaufman World Medicine
- The Health Education Campus
 - In the same area as the P.A. program & Nursing program
 - Video
 - CWR has a new anatomy program
 - Includes virtual reality
 - Living anatomy
 - Anatomy Curriculum
 - Microsoft Hololens Technology - HoloAnatomy
 - Not as heavy on dissection, new VR technology
- Diversity of CWR
 - 43 States, 4 Countries

- Canada, China, Nigeria, Ghana
- Application Statistics
 - Total Applications Nationally: 52,178
 - Total Applications to CWRU: 7,556
 - **2019 Entering Class Size: 215**
- Academic Credentials
 - GPA:
 - Range: 2.91 - 4.00
 - Median: 3.81
 - Mode: 4.00
 - Average: 3.79
 - *National Average Cumulative GPA (2018): 3.70*
 - Science GPA:
 - Range: 3.11 - 4.00
 - Median: 3.79
 - Mode: 4.00
 - *National Average Science GPA (2018): 3.64*
 - MCAT (2015)
 - Average: 517
 - Median: 518
 - Mode: 519
 - Range: 504 - 526
 - *National Average (2018) = 510*
 - **151 Graduated with Honors, Summa or Magna Cum Laude**
 - Most apply MD and DO
 - *Apply to as many as you can*
- How to apply
 - Select CWRU on AMCAS
 - Secondary Application, select:
 - University Program
 - Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine
 - Medical Scientist Training Program
- Interview Structure
 - One-on-one
 - 45 minutes to an hour