



Competencies

Required for admission consideration to DGSOM at UCLA

Successful applicants will have obtained a Bachelor's degree from a US or Canadian institution by completing at minimum 3 years of undergraduate coursework or have obtained a graduate degree from a US or Canadian institution. Please note AP credit is acceptable.

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We adhere to the principle that college years not only prepare students for professional schools, but also provide opportunities for creative intellectual engagement, promote enthusiasm for lifelong learning, and engender psychosocial maturity.

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA does not evaluate specific prerequisite coursework. Instead, applicants are given the flexibility to demonstrate mastery of competency areas throughout their unique academic history. To lay the foundation of success in medical school, we recommend applicants demonstrate the following key competencies through the successful completion of college-level coursework.

Attainment of knowledge in:

- **Biological Sciences and Physiology:** Cellular and Molecular Biology and Genetics
- **Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Physical Sciences:** Inorganic and Organic chemistry, Biochemistry of intermediary metabolism, and associated laboratory activities.
- **Humanities:** This might include literature and/or art, history, philosophy, religion, ethics, economics, social behavior, psychology
- **Mathematics and Statistics:** This might include biomathematics, computer science, matrix algebra

Attainment of skills in:

- **Writing and communication skills**
- **Clinical Experiences:** We value a sustained interest and commitment to medicine
- **Interpersonal Skills**

Awareness of:

- **Health care delivery:** This could include courses and/or experiences that deal with the ethical, legal, political, public health, scientific and moral challenges facing health care and health care delivery
- **Human Diversity**
- **Research experience**

Technical Non-Academic Standards

The School of Medicine has an ethical responsibility for the safety of patients with whom students and graduates will come in contact. Students are admitted by the School of Medicine for the purpose of training them to become competent and compassionate physicians who are capable of entering a residency program and requires that they must meet all requirements necessary to obtain a medical license. Essential abilities and characteristics are required for completion of the MD degree. See <https://medschool.ucla.edu/current-10-technical-non-academic-standards>.