

Frequently asked questions about admission to the MS in Medical Sciences

Q:	Do I need to have an MCAT or DAT score to apply?
A:	Yes, taken within the last 2 years.
Q:	Why can't I find the school code for sending my MCAT or DAT scores?
A:	MUSC College of Graduate Studies does not have a code and is unable to receive official scores. We require unofficial score reports or unofficial copies of your AMCAS/AADSAS, emailed to enrollment management <oesadmis@musc.edu> or uploaded as an attachment to your application.
Q:	Is there a minimum MCAT score for admission to your program for prospective medical students?
A:	Yes. The 50 th percentile or above (24 in the old system, 500 in the new system)
Q:	Is there a minimum DAT score for admission to your program for prospective dental students?
A:	Yes. The 50 th percentile or above (18 average)
Q:	What is the deadline for applications?
A:	April 15 th , including letters and transcripts.
Q:	I am taking the MCAT/DAT in April and won't get my scores back until after the admissions deadline of April 15 th . Will you still consider my application?
A:	No. We need to have all application materials by the deadline.
Q:	I have GRE scores. Will you take those instead?
A:	No. GRE scores are not accepted.
Q:	I am applying to Physician Assistant programs. Will you consider my application?
A:	No. PA program admissions criteria (as well as other health professions) are very different from MD, DO and DMD programs. The MS in Medical Sciences will not benefit applicants to PA programs or programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, or nursing. Individuals aspiring to these programs will not be accepted to the MS in Medical Sciences.
Q:	I want to improve my chances of admission to Pharmacy school. Will you consider my application?
A:	Maybe, but inquire first by email.
Q:	I'm interested in a research career in biomedical sciences. Should I apply?
A:	No. You would be better suited for the MUSC MS in <i>Biomedical Sciences</i> , a research intensive, thesis masters.

Q:	Is there a minimum GPA for admission to your program?
A:	Generally, 3.0. However, a lower GPA with an <i>excellent</i> MCAT or DAT score (90 th percentile or above) will be considered.
Q:	Why is there a minimum MCAT/DAT score for admission? Don't you offer test prep as part of your program?
A:	Our test prep is targeted for each person's area of weakness. Individuals needing overall improvement are better off enrolling in a program focused on test prep.
Q:	What percentage of graduates from your program are accepted into medical school or dental school?
A:	During the 4 years that our program has been in existence, 42 students enrolled, 36 finished, and 35 were admitted to one or more professional schools of their choice for the year following our program.
Q:	Do all students need to enroll in May, or is it possible to start in the fall or spring semesters?
A:	There is only one matriculation date per year, at the end of May. We usually begin our program the day after Memorial Day.
Q:	How many students are in your program each year?
A:	A maximum of 20.
Q:	Is your program affiliated with a medical school or dental school?
A:	Yes. In fact several of our courses are the same ones that MUSC dental students take. However, there is <i>no</i> guarantee that students in the MS in Medical Sciences program will be interviewed or accepted at MUSC. This is especially true for out-of-state applicants. MUSC College of Medicine admissions strongly favor in-state residents. You do <u>not</u> establish South Carolina residency while enrolled in the MS in Medical Sciences program.
Q:	What were the mean MCAT, DAT, and GPAs of the applicants accepted for the 2016 class?
A:	Mean MCAT 503.7 Mean DAT 19.1/21.6 Mean GPA 3.25