

This is one impressive pre-med program.

Drake students have a high rate of acceptance into medical school each year. Over the past three years, **Drake's acceptance rate of 85.5% has been consistently higher than the national average of 42.4%**. The formula? Strong academics, personal mentoring, hands-on research experiences in laboratories and clinical practices, and a wealth of leadership, community service, and shadowing opportunities in a thriving capital city. Here's the evidence:

1. MCAT Excellence

Averaging in the 80th percentile (509), Drake students outperform the national average on the MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test).

2. Personalized Paths to Success

Drake's pre-med students major in subjects they are passionate about, all while fulfilling the requirements for medical school admission. Pre-med students will take courses in biology, chemistry, physics, math, English, and the behavioral and social sciences, but with over 150 majors – plus the option to create an individualized program. Regardless of the chosen path, Drake's faculty will personally mentor students through the pre-med process, helping select relevant courses, and assist in obtaining exciting experiences beyond campus.

3. Research Opportunities

Students work alongside faculty and are active and vital members of the research community. Participation in research will allow students to ask important scientific questions, develop problem solving skills, present work at professional conferences, publish work, and offers a competitive edge in students' medical school applications.

4. Regional Healthcare Partnerships

Partnerships with regional healthcare systems such as Broadlawns Medical Center, The Iowa Clinic, Mercy Medical Center, and UnityPoint Health provide opportunities for Drake students to engage with local healthcare professionals.

5. Pre-Medical Advisory Committee

Faculty from across the University work as a team to provide support for students applying to medical, dental, and PA programs. They provide informal advising specific to each pre-medical student at Drake, coordinate pre-med informational events, and help locate relevant campus and community resources. They write letters of recommendation that highlight each students' individual and unique qualifications for medical school.

6. Built-in Leadership & Community

The Pre-Med Club and Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity (PhiDE) provide students with resources for the MCAT, facilitate shadowing and volunteer opportunities, and help with preparation for successful entry into M.D., D.O., and P.A. programs. Also students can get involved in the Alpha Epsilon Delta-Health Pre-professional Honor Society that recognizes excellence in scholarship.

Our faculty take care to create coursework and ancillary learning opportunities that will not only get students *in* to medical school, but ensure they are successful, once there.

But don't just take it from us, here's what past Drake graduates say:

“Drake's culture makes being involved in activities, research and the medical community such a normal thing, it wasn't until my medical school interviews that I realized how truly remarkable it was.”



Jordan Saeed
Drake Class of 2018
University of Illinois
Class of 2022

“My time as a Bulldog gave me the experience and knowledge I'll need for the next part of my journey. Thanks to the incredible opportunities and guidance I've had at Drake, I was one of about 10 applicants selected to be part of the Medical Scientist Training Program at Northwestern, through which I will receive my M.D. and Ph.D.”



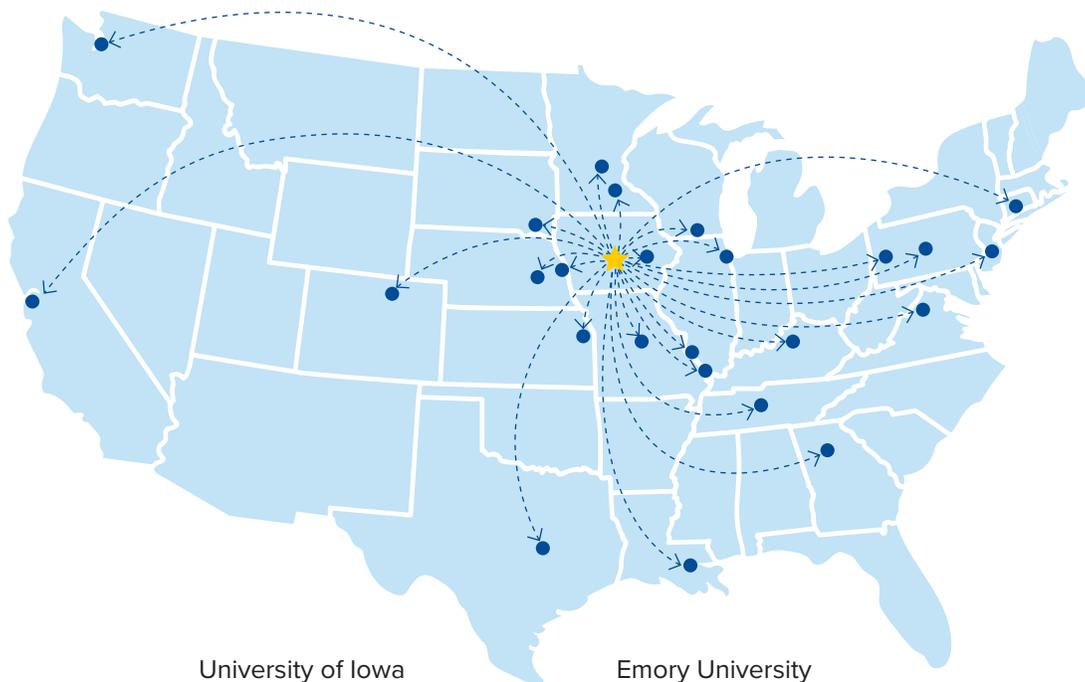
Molly Frey
Drake Class of 2014
MD-PhD candidate,
Northwestern University
Feinberg School
of Medicine, Class of
2022

MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

Many students interested in medical school complete the MCAT in the spring or summer of their junior year. The application process begins with AMCAS (Allopathic Medical Schools) or AACOMAS (Osteopathic Medical Schools). Secondary applications are generally sent to applicants upon review of the initial application. Qualified students will be invited to campus for an interview. Prior to the application process, you'll want to research the required prerequisite coursework, residential restrictions, application requirements, and deadlines for each school of interest.

POST-GRADUATE SUCCESS

Join the Drake pre-med students who have been admitted to premier medical schools at colleges and universities nationwide, including the examples below.



University of Iowa
Des Moines University
University of Kansas
University of Nebraska
University of Minnesota
Creighton University
University of South Dakota
Northwestern University
Mayo Clinic School of Medicine
Yale University
University of Missouri
University of Wisconsin
Chicago Medical School
Southern Illinois University
Tulane University
Baylor University

Emory University
University of Colorado
Medical College of Wisconsin
Midwestern University
Saint Louis University
University of Washington
University of Virginia
University of California
Washington University
University of Kentucky
Penn State University
Pittsburgh University
Vanderbilt University
University of Chicago
New York Medical School

Additional Medical School Resources

Association of American Medical Colleges aamc.org; **American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine** aacom.org; **AMCAS** amacas.org; **AACOMAS** aacomas.org; **MCAT** aamc.org/mcat

“I have always known that I wanted to be a doctor, but I needed Drake to help me get there. Smaller class sizes at Drake provided an opportunity for my classmates to quickly become my friends. Relationships I built with my professors helped open doors for my future as a medical student. Now, as a medical student, I look back on my time at Drake fondly, thankful that I had such strong support academically, professionally, and personally.”



Erica Noyes
Drake Class of 2016
University of Iowa
Carver College
of Medicine,
Class of 2020

“Drake University is a fantastic place to learn about the world, your field of interest, and most importantly, yourself.”



Emily Larson
Drake Class of 2016
University of Iowa
Carver College
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