



## Pre-Medical Scholars Program with St. Louis University

This program provides the opportunity for highly motivated students to gain conditional early acceptance to the St. Louis University School of Medicine while completing an undergraduate degree at Quincy University.

Admission decisions for SLU School of Medicine are made by their Admissions Committee. Acceptance into this Quincy University program does not guarantee conditional early acceptance to SLU School of Medicine.

### General Guidelines

Acceptance into the QU Pre-Med Scholars Program requires a minimum composite ACT of 30 or a combined SAT score of 1390 (math + critical reading). Students with “C” grades in high school science or math courses will not be considered.

Pre-Med Scholar candidates must:

- earn a minimum of 30 hours each academic year during the freshman and sophomore years;
- earn a minimum of 14 hours each semester;
- maintain a 3.65 GPA in science courses (BIO, CHE, MAT, and PHY) each academic year;
- maintain a 3.65 cumulative GPA each academic year;
- take all math and science courses at Quincy University during the regular academic year.
  - Exceptions: AP calculus credit can be accepted; a science course must be taken at Quincy University in the summer prior to a semester study abroad in the junior year; grades for research hours are not included in GPA calculations.

Pre-Med Scholar candidates are not permitted to:

- withdraw from a course after the add/drop period at the beginning of the semester;
- take an Incomplete in a course;
- earn a D or F in any course;
- audit a course;
- graduate in December.
  - Graduation one year early can be discussed with the Pre-Med Scholars Program Director at the time of early application to SLU School of Medicine.

Failure to meet any of these guidelines will disqualify a student from the program.

## **Application**

Application to SLU School of Medicine for conditional acceptance is due by April 1 of the sophomore year. Longitudinal service must be documented and supported by a written critical reflection. Prior to the interview, Scholars should have a minimum of 60 hours of shadowing and should keep a journal reflecting on their experiences.

## **Applying to Other Medical Schools**

A Scholar who applies to other medical schools must notify SLU Medical School and the Pre-Med Scholars Program Director. The student will forfeit his or her conditional or final acceptance at SLU School of Medicine and may re-apply as a regular applicant, but there is no guarantee that the student will be accepted again.

## **Advising**

Freshmen are advised by their assigned academic advisor, their success coach, and the Pre-Med Scholars Program Directors, Dr. Kimberly Hale ([haleki@quincy.edu](mailto:haleki@quincy.edu), NC B142, 217-228-5432 x3262) and Dr. Scott Luaders ([luadesc@quincy.edu](mailto:luadesc@quincy.edu), NC B132, x3263).

Scholars who do not major in biology, biological sciences, biochemistry & molecular biology, or chemistry must minor in biology.

Scholars who select a natural science major must minor in a liberal arts field outside of natural science. Examples include English, history, philosophy, theology, psychology, or communication. Other minors may be appropriate.

Scholars can study abroad for a semester, but should do so during the junior year and must take a science course at Quincy University the summer before the semester abroad to maintain their science requirements.

## **Professionalism**

Scholars are expected to maintain professionalism and integrity both in and out of the classroom. This includes, but is not limited to:

- treating others with respect;
- keeping appointments and showing up on time, or notifying the person as soon as possible that the scheduled meeting will be missed;
- attending classes and paying full attention;
- taking responsibility for one's own actions;
- maintaining a daily life that balances study time, social and service activities, and a healthy lifestyle.

## **Timeline**

Scholars should balance coursework with appropriate extracurricular activities, including shadowing experiences, service, and clinical hours.

### Freshman Year

- 30 credit hours minimum during the academic year (not including summer)
- 14 credit hours minimum each semester
- 3.65 GPA, both cumulative and in science courses, for the academic year
- Required courses:

BIO 150	Principles of Biology I	4	Fall
BIO 151	Principles of Biology II	4	Spring
CHE 150	General Chemistry I	4	Fall
CHE 151	General Chemistry II	4	Spring
MAT 242	Calculus I	4	Fall

Before the sophomore year starts, preferably over the summer, Scholars should write the first draft of the “Why I Want to be a Physician” personal statement.

### Sophomore Year

- 30 credit hours minimum during the academic year (not including summer)
- 14 credit hours minimum each semester
- 3.65 GPA, both cumulative and in science courses, for the academic year
- Required courses:

CHE 302	Organic Chemistry I	5	Fall
CHE 303	Organic Chemistry II	5	Spring
PHY 223	Principles of Physics I	4	Fall
PHY 224	Principles of Physics II	4	Spring

Each sophomore Scholar will participate in a practice interview with the QU Pre-Medical Scholars Committee in the Fall semester and submit the personal statement prior to the practice interview. Interviews with the Committee for letters of recommendation take place early in the Spring semester. Applications to SLU School of Medicine are due by April 1.

**All admission decisions are made by SLU School of Medicine. The SLU School of Medicine Admissions Committee evaluates each Scholar and decides whether or not to offer a conditional acceptance. There is no guarantee that a student will be accepted, even if all of the aforementioned GPA requirements are met.**

Scholars will be notified of the SLU School of Medicine decision during the summer between the sophomore and junior year. Scholars receiving a conditional acceptance must follow all guidelines as outlined by SLU School of Medicine in the conditional acceptance letter.

### Junior Year

- 30 credit hours minimum during the academic year (not including summer)
- 14 credit hours minimum each semester
- 3.65 GPA, both cumulative and in science courses, for the academic year
- at least one upper division science course each semester

Scholars will follow the curriculum approved by SLU Medical School through the conditional acceptance process. Any proposed course substitutions must be requested specifically by email to the Pre-Med Scholars Program Director and approved in writing.

Scholars will take the MCAT between April of junior year and September of senior year. A minimum score on the MCAT is not required, but Scholars are expected to put forth their best effort.

Scholars will file their formal applications to SLU School of Medicine by completing the AMCAS (American Medical College Application Service) application during the summer after the junior year. When completing the AMCAS application, the student will contact the SLU Admissions Office at [slumd@health.slu.edu](mailto:slumd@health.slu.edu) and provide his or her AAMC ID number. Then “Early Assurance” can be marked under Applicant Type on the AMCAS application. The Committee letters are kept on file and do not need to be sent again.

### Senior Year

- 30 credit hours minimum during the academic year (not including summer)
- 14 credit hours minimum each semester
- 3.65 GPA, both cumulative and in science courses, for the academic year
- at least one upper division science course each semester

Scholars will follow the curriculum approved by SLU Medical School through the conditional acceptance process. Any proposed course substitutions must be requested specifically by email to the Pre-Med Scholars Program Director and approved in writing.

Scholars will be contacted by SLU Medical School to fill out a secondary application.

In December of the senior year, SLU Medical School will review coursework and GPA. A final acceptance letter will be sent early in the Spring semester. A Scholar who is “on the borderline” may not receive a final acceptance letter until after satisfactory Spring semester grades are posted.