**OMSAS – University of Toronto**

About the Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto

Toronto has a long history of educating physicians, with the first school of medicine founded here in 1843. The medical school at the University of Toronto has a rich history of research and discovery, including the discovery of:

* insulin,
* stem cells,
* the gene that causes cystic fibrosis and
* the genetic causes of some variants of Alzheimer’s disease and several cancers.

Many vaccines were developed and tested at the University of Toronto during the 20th century, and various surgical procedures were pioneered here, including lung transplants and pediatric cardiac operations.

Location

The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) provides you with many advantages. Toronto is home to the largest health care network in Canada and is a hub for research and discovery.

Opportunities for collaboration across a variety of hospitals and health care centres allow you to experience Toronto’s diversity – in the range of clinical placements you connect to and the community you serve.

Our Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program

As one of the largest MD programs in Canada, the University of Toronto’s MD Program boasts a comprehensive and exciting curriculum that supports our students as they learn to become highly skilled, caring and compassionate physicians.

Our faculty members are leaders in their respective fields and take pride in educating the next generation of physicians. Our graduates can be found across Canada and around the world, advancing health care and promoting change in their local communities and beyond.

Student support is a top priority in our MD Program. We will provide you with the tools you need to succeed, whether it is academic, financial or career advice or access to support networks.

Opportunities outside of the classroom are abundant. Our students get involved in everything from community service to athletics to on-campus clubs and organizations. These opportunities enable our graduates to become skilled, caring and compassionate health care professionals.

Our program is offered on 2 campuses at the University of Toronto:

* 230 incoming students will be at the St. George campus (downtown Toronto) and
* 59 will be at the Mississauga campus.

Up to 34 additional students will be admitted to the designated Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health seats. In addition, a limited number of supernumerary spaces are allocated to specific international and military training programs that have contractual arrangements with the MD Program.

State‑of‑the‑art video conferencing facilities allow students at both teaching sites to interact and share learning experiences, with both campuses linked to world-class teaching hospitals.

The University of Toronto’s MD Program looks forward to welcoming the newest class of future physicians (the class of 2029) and continuing our tradition of excellence in the education of tomorrow’s health care leaders.

Program Information

The MD Program Structure

Foundations (Year 1 and 2)

The first 2 years of the MD Program, known as Foundations, feature a highly integrated curriculum with:

* clinical content,
* early exposure to patients and the community setting,
* extensive use of online learning support resources and
* an assessment program designed to support learning.

You will have the opportunity to meet with patients from diverse communities and learn in the many outstanding clinical and research facilities in the GTA.

The basic goals of Foundations are to:

* help you learn the necessary biomedical knowledge and
* develop the appropriate professional attitudes and skills you will need to have a successful experience in Clerkship and beyond.

You will gain early clinical exposure in a variety of settings, including doctors’ offices, hospitals, community health agencies and home care visits. You will learn the basic clinical skills of interviewing and examining patients and be provided with opportunities for reflection. By spending time in clinical placements (shadowing), you will also be able to prepare for Clerkship.

Clerkship (Year 3 and 4)

Clerkship comprises the third and fourth years of the MD Program.

The knowledge, skills and professional attitudes introduced in Foundations are applied practically in the clinical setting where you will be a member of a health care team.

As a clinical clerk, you learn to contribute progressively to patient care in hospitals, community‑based clinics and doctors’ offices. Your clinical skills are honed as you proceed through the core Clerkship rotations and experiences that introduce you to primary care and the essential medical specialties.

The fourth and final year of the program includes activities that permit you to develop your competencies further in areas of your choosing (electives) and from a catalogue of options (electives). These allow you to explore your individual interests and tailor your experience to fit with your future career goals.

Admission Requirements

Academic Requirements

Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)

You must release your MCAT results directly to OMSAS to be considered for admission.

You must have written the MCAT before the application deadline and within the past 5 years. MCAT results from tests written in excess of 5 years, prior to the current October 1, 2025, admission application deadline will not be considered.

We will consider scores only from your most recent MCAT attempt, even if scores from previous attempts were higher.

You must meet a threshold score of 125 in each section, with an allowance of 124 in 1 section, to continue in the admission process.

Your MCAT score is not used competitively.

Course Prerequisites

You are required to complete:

* 2 full course equivalents (FCEs) in life sciences and
* 1 FCE in humanities, social sciences and/or languages.

We strongly recommend that you complete the prerequisite courses prior to applying. If you are in the process of completing any prerequisite courses at the time you apply, enrollment in these courses must appear on your transcript. You must successfully complete these courses as registered on the transcript that was submitted as part of your application.

If the courses are not complete and are not showing as current registrations on your transcript, your application will not be considered.

This information should be included in the University of Toronto prerequisite section of the OMSAS application. List the name of the course and course code, and indicate whether it was a full-year or semester course.

Examples:

* Life Sciences:
	+ Anatomy
	+ Biochemistry
	+ Biology
	+ Botany
	+ Clinical Biochemistry
	+ Immunology
	+ Microbiology
	+ Molecular Genetics & Molecular Biology
	+ Pharmacology & Toxicology
	+ Physiology
	+ Zoology

**Note:**Chemistry and Physics are not Life Sciences. If you are listing Chemistry courses to meet requirements for other medical schools, you must also list 2 FCEs in Life Sciences.

* Social Sciences:
	+ Economics
	+ Political Science
	+ Sociology
	+ Criminology
* Languages:
	+ Courses in a language other than your native language.
* Humanities:
	+ Classics
	+ English Literature
	+ Philosophy
	+ History
	+ Religious Studies
	+ Cultural Studies

**Note:**This is not a comprehensive list of approved courses.

Check with Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Enrolment Services if you are unsure of the acceptability of a particular course as a prerequisite. **Email UME Enrolment Services** with:

* the course name,
* the course code,
* the university name,
* a brief course description from the university course calendar and
* whether it was a full-year or semester course.

Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement

The minimum acceptable GPA for undergraduate applicants is 3.6 on the 4.0 scale, according to the [**Undergraduate Grade Conversion Table**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergraduate-grade-conversion-table/). Based on recent admission statistics, a GPA of 3.8 or higher is considered competitive for admission.

For graduate applicants, the minimum acceptable GPA is 3.3 on the 4.0 scale. Based on recent admission statistics, a GPA of 3.6 or higher is considered competitive for admission.

The calculated GPA used to fulfill the academic requirements will not include the current year of study, as these grades are not available at the time you submit your application. Your GPA is based on your undergraduate studies; grades from graduate coursework will not be included in the GPA calculation.

Admission to the MD Program is competitive; therefore, possessing the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Minimum Undergraduate Credit Requirement

The following minimum undergraduate credit requirements apply if you are a(n):

Undergraduate Applicant Attending University in Canada

The University of Toronto will consider your application if you will be completing at least 3 years of study toward a Canadian university bachelor’s degree in any discipline (the equivalent of 15 FCEs) prior to enrolling in the MD Program. No preference is given to a specific program or university over another.

If you apply in the final year of a 3- or 4-year degree program, you must complete the degree requirements and provide proof of completion prior to enrolling.

If you apply in the third year of a 4-year degree program, you must provide proof that you completed the requirements for that year of the degree prior to enrolling in the MD Program.

CEGEP Applicant

If you completed the CEGEP program in Quebec, you may apply for admission if you are enrolled in third-year university studies and will have completed a total of at least 15 FCEs prior to enrollment in our program.

You must have completed a minimum of 10 university FCEs, which may include CEGEP transfer credits, at the time you apply.

Applicant Attending University Outside of Canada

If you attend a university outside of Canada, you must complete the equivalent of a Canadian 4-year university bachelor’s degree. Previous medical degrees completed outside of Canada are not deemed equivalent to a Canadian bachelor’s degree and will not be accepted. Professional degrees assessed as equivalent to professional study in Canada will not be accepted as a substitute to a 4-year Canadian Bachelor’s degree.

If you attend a university in the US, a [**World Education Services (WES)**](https://www.wes.org/ca/) assessment is not required.

If you attend a university outside of Canada or the US, you must have your credentials assessed for Canadian equivalency by WES. Submitted documentation must include a course-by-course evaluation, with an overall GPA calculation from WES.

**Note for international applicants (visa students):** For fall 2026 entry, a limited number of supernumerary spaces will be allocated to specific international training programs that have contractual arrangements with the MD Program. **Email UME Enrolment Services** if you have any questions regarding your eligibility to apply.

Optional: Academic Explanations Form

We understand that life is not always smooth. You may complete the optional Academic Explanation Form to explain any circumstances that affected your academic performance and/or progress and to request special consideration.

**Completing the Academic Explanation Form**

If you select “Yes” to the Academic Explanation question, you are required to complete the Academic Explanation Form. You may list up to 3 circumstances on the Academic Explanation Form.

Circumstance(s) may include, but are not limited to:

* academic enrichment, including participation in co-op, a professional experience year and/or exchange programs,
* second or professional undergraduate degrees,
* academic difficulty and
* personal, medical and/or other experiences

For each circumstance, provide:

* the relevant timeframe,
* the type of circumstance,
* the impact(s) on academic performance or progress and
* your special consideration request.

**Consideration of the Academic Explanation Form**

Your response will provide the Temerty Medicine Admissions Committee with a snapshot of how you have been impacted by and managed the(se) circumstance(s). Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and we will make our best effort to provide reasonable consideration.

[More About the Academic Explanations Form](https://applymd.utoronto.ca/academic-requirements)

Non-academic Requirements

When reviewing the [**brief personal essays**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/omsas-toronto/#essays), [**ABS**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/omsas-toronto/#abs) and [**references**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/omsas-toronto/#references), we assess attributes, activities and achievements in terms of the Temerty Faculty of Medicine’s mission and values and the MD Program competencies.

Specifically, we evaluate materials according to the following 4 clusters:

1. Professional Cluster: Maturity, reliability, perseverance and responsibility.
2. Communicator/Collaborator/Leader Cluster: Communication, collaboration, teamwork, time management and leadership.
3. Advocate Cluster: Advocacy, community service and social responsibility.
4. Scholar Cluster: Academic standing, achievements in leadership, research and social responsibility as demonstrated by (but not limited to) awards, conference presentations, publications and scholarships.

In your brief personal essays and ABS, you may write about activities and achievements undertaken and completed anywhere in the world. The nature and outcome of the activity is more important than where it took place – participation within your local community is as important as international experiences.

The brief personal essays, ABS and statements, and references will be assessed independently of all other materials you submit with your application.

Brief Personal Essays

You are required to submit 2 original brief personal essays, with each essay answering a specific question related to the Temerty Faculty of Medicine’s mission and values.

The Mission Statement of the Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto embodies social responsibility, and the Faculty’s values are reflective of this responsibility.

Each brief personal essay must be 250 words or less. Please adhere to the word limit, rather than the character limit shown in the text box.

You must answer the following 2 questions:

1. In what way(s) are you a product of the world around you? How has it, or how will it, impact your journey in medicine?
2. Investor and philanthropist Charlie Munger is known for saying: “We all are learning, modifying, or destroying ideas all the time. Rapid destruction of your ideas when the time is right is one of the most valuable qualities you can acquire. You must force yourself to consider arguments on the other side.” Explore how this may affect a career in medicine.

UME Enrolment Services will perform random checks of the Brief Personal Essays through the University of Toronto’s plagiarism detection tool. You will not be informed that your essay has been submitted for comparison.

Essays submitted to this service will be included as source documents in the tool’s reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. [**Read the terms that apply to the University’s use of the service**](https://uoft.me/pdt-faq).

If you do not consent to your essays being submitted to the University of Toronto’s plagiarism detection tool, you must email us at **md.applicants@utoronto.ca** to opt out of this process no later than Friday, January 5, 2026. We will honour all opt-out requests that are submitted by this date.

Autobiographical Sketch (ABS)

The completed OMSAS ABS is required. In addition to completing the OMSAS ABS, you must write and submit 1 ABS statement that discusses the following:

* Write about an impactful experience from your Autobiographical Sketch that demonstrates your personal growth, character and values. How did this experience prepare you for medical school?

The OMSAS ABS and additional ABS statement required for the University of Toronto will be evaluated using the [**4 clusters**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/omsas-toronto#clusters). The ABS statement must be 500 words or less. Please adhere to the word limit, rather than the character limit shown in the text box.

Verifiers

In some cases, UME Enrolment Services may wish to verify additional information about activities that are described in either the brief personal essays or the ABS.

You must provide the name, address, phone number (optional) and email address of at least 1 contact person (verifier) for each activity. When citing activities in your brief personal essays and your ABS statements, include the relevant verifier number in brackets beside each activity; UME Enrolment Services may perform random checks of applicants’ verifiers.

Verifiers for ABS may or may not be the same as the verifiers you listed for your graduate studies or your references.

Let your verifiers know that UME Enrolment Services may contact them.

References

You are required to arrange for 3 references. These references will be evaluated according to the same [**4 clusters**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/omsas-toronto#clusters).

We encourage you to:

* share these attributes, activities and achievements clusters with referees to ensure that they can speak to some or all of them and
* ensure that the whole range of clusters is represented among the 3 references as a whole (individual references may speak to a specific cluster or clusters of attributes, activities and achievements).

 **Note:** You **must not** use family members, family friends, colleagues of family members, neighbours or someone who may be perceived as your peer as a referee, as we do not consider them to be objective. Letters written by a spiritual advisor are acceptable, provided the individual is not also a family member or close friend.

Applications from candidates with non-objective references will not be considered.

Referees must submit their Confidential Assessment Form online.

The deadline for receiving references is October 1, 2025. If OMSAS does not receive all 3 of your references (as well as your MD/PhD references, if applicable) by this date, your application to the University of Toronto’s MD Program will be incomplete and will not be considered. It is your responsibility to ensure that OMSAS receives your references by the deadline, so we advise you to confirm submission with all your referees prior to the deadline.

Interviews

When making our assessments, the Temerty Faculty of Medicine will invite selected applicants to attend an interview, either in person or virtually. You must attend at the date and time arranged and you are responsible for your own travel expenses when attending in-person interviews.

Interviews are usually conducted on weekends in the winter/spring of each year. If you cancel or decline an interview, you will not be considered for admission.

Accessibility concerns or accommodations can be arranged for the interview. **Email UME Enrolment Services** for more information.

Additional Admission Requirements

Graduate Applicants

The University of Toronto will consider your application if you have completed a graduate program or are enrolled in the final year of a graduate program.

If you will not complete your graduate degree requirements by June 30 in the proposed year of entry, you will not be considered; this policy is strictly enforced. Applicants who do not provide an expected date of degree completion or who re-classify into another graduate program will also not be considered.

Our MD Program values a diverse applicant pool with students from all academic backgrounds. To acknowledge the academic challenge of undertaking graduate work, applicants pursuing graduate degrees will receive credit for their accomplishments during the file review process.

Graduate applicants will receive credit for their graduate work based on the following categories:

* Doctoral degree conferred
* Doctoral degree in progress
* Research-based master’s conferred
* Research-based master’s in progress
* Course-based master’s conferred

We will assess applicants enrolled in a course-based master’s that is in progress as undergraduate applicants.

You cannot update your application after the October 1, 2025, deadline.

**Graduate Degree**

Graduate applicants who have not yet received their graduate degree and who are offered a position in the MD Program will be required to submit proof of successful completion of all requirements of the graduate program (including successful defence of a thesis, if applicable) prior to June 30, 2026.

Graduate applicants offered a position on the expectation that their degree will be completed, and who are not able to meet this deadline, will not be granted an admission deferral and will lose their seat in our program.

UME Enrolment Services requires a final transcript from all applicants accepted from graduate programs, as proof of conferral of their degree.

**Graduate Degree Verifiers**

Graduate applicants are required to provide the contact information of a graduate verifier:

* For a research-based degree, your verifier should be your graduate supervisor.
* For a course-based degree, your verifier should be your graduate program administrator.
* Applicants who had their graduate degree conferred should provide a Graduate Studies Office contact for any questions about the program.

This information is entered in the Referees section of your application, but your graduate verifier’s role is not the same as your referee’s role. Your graduate verifier may be contacted to confirm your degree type and anticipated program completion date.

Ensure that your graduate verifier can provide the required information and is available during the application process.

Let your verifiers know in advance that UME Enrolment Services may contact them.

MD/PhD Program Applicants

The MD/PhD Program at the University of Toronto provides highly qualified students the opportunity to integrate medical school with intensive scientific training. Its purpose is to prepare clinician scientists for careers in academic medicine.

Applicants to this program must meet the same requirements for MCAT, GPA and course prerequisites as all other MD Program applicants. The program does not have a designated quota for admission.

Submit admission materials to OMSAS as per the regular MD admission process along with the following additional materials:

1. MD/PhD Personal Essay: Reflecting on your personal and research experiences to date, how do your experiences relate to your decision to pursue a physician scientist pathway, and the kind of ideas that you wish to pursue in your PhD? This essay must be 250 words or less and is submitted as part of your OMSAS application.
2. An academic curriculum vitae (CV). This CV must adhere to the format outlined on the MD/PhD Program website. [**Access the CV template**](https://md.utoronto.ca/application-process-0). Upload your academic CV directly to OMSAS via Secure Applicant Messaging (SAM) by October 4, 2025.
3. Three MD/PhD references using a common MD/PhD reference form for OMSAS applicants applying to Toronto, Ottawa, Queen’s and Western. **Note:**These MD/PhD references are in addition to the 3 Confidential Assessment Forms that are required for MD applicants, as part of the standard OMSAS application for the University of Toronto. If you are a graduate applicant, one of your MD/PhD references must be from your graduate supervisor. The references should highlight:
	* potential for success as a physician scientist,
	* performance in research, including initiative, perseverance, technical skills, data interpretation, etc.,
	* capacity to succeed in both an undergraduate medical and a PhD curriculum,
	* self-starting behaviour,
	* contribution to the research the candidate was involved in, including publications, if any, and
	* capacity to learn from others.

OMSAS must receive all these required references by October 1, 2025.

**Notes:**

* The same referees can provide your regular MD application references and MD/PhD references (e.g., graduate supervisor, if applicable). The MD/PhD Admissions Subcommittee does not review your MD application references. To send the MD/PhD reference form to your referees, enter their contact information in the designated fields within your OMSAS application.
* All MD/PhD applicants must submit an academic CV.

Admission Categories

Optional Application Programs

The University of Toronto offers 2 optional application programs that reflect the Temerty Faculty of Medicine’s strong commitment to diversity, as demonstrated in its [**Diversity Statement [PDF]**](http://uoft.me/MedDiversityStatement).

The Black Student Application Program (BSAP)

The Black Student Application Program (BSAP) is an optional application program for Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents who self-identify as:

* Black African,
* Black Caribbean,
* Black North American or
* multi-racial applicants who have and identify with their Black ancestry, etc.

This application program aims to increase and support Black medical student representation at the University of Toronto.

Members of the Black community, including faculty, physicians, residents, medical students and members of the public, take part in admission file review and interview processes. To apply to this program, you must meet the same minimum requirements for MCAT, GPA and course prerequisites as all other applicants. The program does not have a designated quota for admission.

You must submit admission materials as per the core MD admission process and the following additional materials by the October 1, 2025, application deadline:

1. Self-identification via the OMSAS application: Black African, Black Caribbean, Black North American or multi-racial students who have and identify with their Black ancestry.
2. The BSAP Personal Essay highlighting why you have chosen to apply through this optional application program. We recommend that this essay be 250-500 words. This is submitted via the OMSAS application.

The Indigenous Student Application Program (ISAP)

Recognizing the commitment to social responsibility in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine’s mission, the MD Program implemented ISAP to increase the number of Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) medical students at the University of Toronto.

Members of the Indigenous community, including faculty, physicians, residents, medical students and members of the public, take part in admission file review and interview processes.

To apply to this program, you must meet the same minimum requirements for MCAT, GPA and course prerequisites as all other applicants. The program does not have a designated quota for admission.

You must submit admission materials, as per the core MD admission process, and the following additional materials by the stated deadlines:

1. Self‑declared Indigenous status via the OMSAS application.
2. One of the following as proof of Indigenous ancestry to apply to the University of Toronto’s Temerty Faculty of Medicine through the ISAP:
	* A copy of a Status or Treaty card
	* A copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card, roll number or any other proof accepted by Inuit communities
	* A copy of a membership card in a Métis registry recognized by the Métis National Council (the Métis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Métis Federation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of Alberta and Métis Nation British Columbia)
	* Proof that an ancestor’s name has been entered in the Indian Register according to the Indian Act, on the band list of an individual band or the Inuit roll
	* Written confirmation of Indigenous ancestry from the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
	* Written confirmation of membership in a band council that has its own membership code
	* Other acceptable documentation
3. The ISAP Personal Statement is an opportunity for you to tell us about your personal connection to your Indigenous community, perhaps in the way you would share with an Elder or Wisdom/Knowledge Keeper. The statement will be read by members of the Indigenous Student Application Program (ISAP) Advisory Circle, which includes an Elder, Indigenous faculty members and Indigenous medical learners. We recommend that this statement be 250-750 words. Ensure you submit your statement with the OMSAS application. If you are unsure about how to proceed, we invite you to liaise with the Office of Indigenous Health for support: **indigenoushealth.support@utoronto.ca**.

OMSAS must receive proof of Indigenous ancestry documentation via SAM in the OMSAS application. The deadline for receiving your document(s) is October 4, 2025.

If you have questions or would like further information about ISAP, **email our Office of Indigenous Medical Education**.

Information for International Applicants

For fall 2026 entry, a limited number of supernumerary spaces will be allocated to specific international training programs that have contractual arrangements with the MD Program.

These supernumerary seats are non-funded seats and, as such, applicants who are considered through the International application stream must be enrolled in specific international training programs and cannot be citizens or permanent residents (landed immigrants) of Canada.

**Email UME Enrolment Services** if you have any questions regarding your eligibility to apply.

International Stream

If you apply through the International stream and your immigration status in Canada changes during the admission process, you are required to **notify UME Enrolment Services via email**.

Applicants applying through the International stream will be subject to the same minimum requirements as domestic candidates and must submit admission materials as per the regular MD admission process.

Information for Military Medical Training Plan (MMTP) Applicants

The University of Toronto’s MD Program participates in an agreement with the Department of National Defense (DND) in creating a special application stream for Regular Force Members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) subsidized under the MMTP.

If you are a currently serving Regular Force member of the CAF and are interested in this stream, email **CFHSAttractionCell-CelluledattractionSSFC@forces.gc.ca** for details and eligibility.

If you have any questions, **email UME Enrolment Services**.

Admission Policies and Procedures

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Up to 34 additional students will be admitted to the designated Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health seats. In addition, a limited number of supernumerary spaces are allocated to specific international and military training programs that have contractual arrangements with the MD Program.

There is no single background that is an ideal preparation for the study and practice of medicine. Medicine requires a mix of individuals with strong academic foundations in the social sciences, humanities, physical sciences and life sciences.

Academic excellence is measured by assessing the grade point average (GPA) and confirming that the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) results meet U of T’s stated threshold requirement.

Non-academic and academic attributes, activities and achievements are assessed by reviewing your brief personal essays, Autobiographical Sketch (ABS) materials and references.

You are required to submit the names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons able to substantiate statements made about your non-academic and academic attributes, activities and achievements. Random verification checks will take place between January and April.

The discovery that any submitted application information is false or misleading, concealed or withheld will invalidate your application and result in its immediate refusal. If this is discovered after you are admitted, it will result in the revocation and cancellation of an offer of admission and/or registration.

Instructions for Submitting Required Documents

All application materials must be sent directly to OMSAS. You are responsible for ensuring that documents arrive at OMSAS by the October 1, 2025, deadline.

**Exception:**OMSAS will accept your MCAT score as long as they receive it by October 21, 2025.

Do not send any documents to the University of Toronto or the Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Enrolment Services.

Applications with missing or late documents will not be granted extensions nor considered.

When filling in your OMSAS application, do not cut and paste your responses from a word processing or text editing program (e.g., Microsoft Word, Notepad, WordPad). Doing so may result in formatting and/or punctuation errors in your submissions. There will not be an opportunity to correct this after submission. Type your responses directly in the application to avoid this issue.

**Note:** If you are not applying to the MD/PhD Program or through the Black Student Application Program (BSAP) or Indigenous Student Application Program (ISAP), do not enter anything in the MD/PhD, BSAP or ISAP essay sections of the application. Leave these sections blank.

Information for Successful Applicants

Acceptance

Offers of admission are sent in the spring or summer prior to the proposed date of enrollment, in accordance with dates published by OMSAS.

Acceptance may be conditional upon fulfillment of specific requirements. These conditions will be outlined in your offer letter.

Wait List

Some applicants who are offered admission do not accept their offer, so we maintain a short wait list for additional potential offers. This is a ranked wait list, but we will not disclose an applicant’s position on the wait list (absolute or relative).

If additional offers are made, we will work down the wait list until the class is full.

Acceptance of an offer of admission from any Ontario medical school automatically removes you from consideration by all other Ontario medical schools (you will be considered withdrawn and will be removed from our wait list).

Final Transcripts

Final transcripts for admitted applicants must be sent directly to OMSAS (not to the University of Toronto). Further details will be included in the offer of admission letter, as appropriate.

Deferrals

Deferral of admission can be considered, provided you submit a request for deferral at the time you accept your offer of admission.

The Admissions Committee will consider deferral requests on a case‑by-case basis. A very limited number of deferrals may be granted in cases of compelling academic or personal circumstance.

We strongly recommend that you complete academic programs prior to enrollment and that you apply to the University of Toronto, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, in or after the final year of your program.

Deferrals will not be granted to allow you to complete a 4-year bachelor’s degree or to begin or complete a graduate degree. Any deferrals granted will generally be for a 1-year period and are rarely (if ever) extended beyond that time. All graduate studies must be completed by June 30 prior to the start of the MD Program.

Registration Requirements

First Aid and CPR

You must complete a Standard First Aid course and a CPR Level C Basic Rescuer course and be able to produce valid certificates confirming this before enrollment in the MD Program is permitted.

The agency used to provide the training must be recognized by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

Immunization

You are required to be fully immunized before you enter the clinical setting.

Proof of immunization is required for all persons undertaking activities in hospitals in Ontario under Regulation 965 of the Ontario Public Hospitals Act.

If you do not submit a completed immunization record, you will be suspended from clinical training until proper documentation is submitted.

Police Record Check and Disclosure

As a medical student, you will undertake significant portions of your education in settings with exposure to vulnerable populations. You are required to complete a Vulnerable Persons Criminal Record Check, at your own expense, prior to registration in our program.

This mandatory process reports any pending criminal charges, convictions for which there has not been a pardon and any pardoned sexual offences. The Faculty also requests disclosure of any convictions in any jurisdiction and/or any findings of professional misconduct.

The Temerty Faculty of Medicine reserves the right to revoke an offer of admission or cancel registration based on a review of this information.

If you have ever been convicted of a criminal offence for which you have not received a pardon, you are strongly urged to consult with your provincial [**College of Physicians and Surgeons**](http://www.cpso.on.ca/) for advice about eventual eligibility for registration to practice medicine.

Essential Skills and Abilities Required for Studying Medicine

The Temerty Faculty of Medicine, in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and University Policy, is committed to providing equal access opportunities to all qualified applicants.

To fulfill the requirements of the MD Program and to avoid serious risk to the health and safety of patients, you are required to acquire competency in a wide range of knowledge, skills and abilities.

Individuals with special needs are advised to contact UME Enrolment Services, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, and carefully review the [**OMSAS Essential Skills and Abilities Required**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/omsas-essential).

Additional Information

Notice of Collection

The University of Toronto (the University) collects information you provide to OMSAS/OUAC as part of your application to the Temerty Faculty of Medicine (the Faculty).

Personal information collected through OMSAS/OUAC will only be accessed by authorized university and faculty staff on a need-to-know basis. The information will be protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

Collection of Personal Information

The University and the Faculty will collect the following personal information:

* name
* home or mailing addresses
* telephone numbers
* email addresses
* age
* gender identity
* legal status
* academic history (e.g., current and previous university, GPA and MCAT)

Use of Personal Information

The University and the Faculty will use your personal information as necessary for the purpose of administering:

* admission,
* registration,
* academic programs,
* university-related student activities,
* activities of student societies,
* safety,
* financial assistance and awards,
* graduation and university advancement, and
* reporting to government.

Examples of these purposes:

* correspondence with applicants (e.g., email notification, interview invitation)
* admission and award decisions
* registration in the program
* aggregate, de-identified public statistical reports, posted on Faculty and University websites
* research on the admission process

Your personal information such as name, gender identity and date of birth will be stored in the AFMC’s database and used to address a variety of key health workforce research and planning questions. All data will be reported at the aggregate level and will be completely anonymous.

Disclosure of Personal Information

The Faculty will disclose your personal information to the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC), which uses it to assess physician inflow and output through Canada’s undergraduate and postgraduate training system, as well as the numbers and types of doctors trained and how they are distributed and move throughout Canada.

For questions about your personal information at the AFMC, contact:
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# OMSAS – Program Requirements Overview

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/omsas-program-requirements/>

University of Toronto

**Applicants for 2025:** 4,290

 **Target Class Size for 2026:** 289

 **Length:** 4 years

 **Minimum Academic Requirements:**

* 3 full years of undergraduate studies (equivalent to 15 full-course equivalents) at a Canadian university in any discipline.
* If studying outside of Canada, completion of a non-medical bachelor’s degree equivalent to a 4-year bachelor’s degree in Canada.

 **MCAT:** Yes

 **Prerequisites:**

* 1 full-course equivalent (FCE) of Humanities, Social Sciences and/or Languages
* 2 FCEs of Life Sciences

 **Non-academic Requirements:**

* References
* Brief Personal Essays
* Autobiographical Sketch and statement
* Interview

 **Transfer:** No

 **Citizenship:** Citizens or permanent residents (landed immigrants) of Canada

 **Interview Date:** February – April

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