

UCR

Welcome to the UC Riverside School of Medicine

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Missions of the UCR Medical School

- **Expand and diversify physician workforce in Inland Southern California**
- **Produce doctors trained for the future**
[more preventive care, public health, health education]
- **Create residency programs to train physicians in areas identified as in short supply** [family med, internal med, pediatrics, Ob/Gyn, general surgery, psychiatry]
- **Improve the health of the community we serve**

Early Assurance Program

UCR Thomas Haider Early Assurance Program

- A unique portal into the UCR SOM – our intention is to identify outstanding applicants and recruit them to UCR before they apply through AMCAS
- Although expect a maximum of ~ 8 applicants admitted through this program, we will admit more if qualified
- These applicants will count toward the 24 seats committed to UCR Haider applicants

Please note = most UCR applicants should apply through the normal AMCAS admissions portal

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Goal = to attract and recruit the very best UCR
“**mission fit**” applicants for the UCR SOM

- Strong science background
- Significant clinical experience
- Commitment to service
- Desire to practice in Inland Southern California

Admission Committee Questions

- › Can s/he successfully complete all the requirements of medical training?

[this means more than academic ability]

- › Does s/he have the character traits needed to be a good doctor?

[character is typically forged before med sch]

- › Is s/he “mission fit”?

Medical School Pre-Requisites

- › Mathematics (12 quarter units) to include introductory calculus and statistics
- › English (12 quarter units) to include the study of English composition
- › General college physics with laboratory (12 quarter units)
- › College chemistry with laboratory to include inorganic and organic chemistry (24 quarter units)
- › General biology with laboratory (12 quarter units)

AP credit with a score of 4 or 5 (or IB score of 6 or 7) can satisfy one quarter of English and one quarter of mathematics, but not chemistry, biology or physics.

- › A one-quarter course in biochemistry course is highly recommended

Note: Broad academic backgrounds that include humanities, foreign language (especially Spanish), social sciences and the arts will help prepare future physicians for interacting with increasingly diverse patient populations, health care professionals and colleagues.

Academic Ability

- › National average for admitted medical students is about 3.60 cum GPA
- › However, medical schools are most concerned with your undergraduate cum science GPA

Profile of UCR SOM Haider applicant pool 2016

Regular Haider applicants admitted = 3.55 BCPM

EAP Haider applicants admitted = 3.77 BCPM

Graduation Competencies

- › Knowledge for Practice
- › Patient Care
- › Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- › Professionalism
- › Practice-Based Learning & Improvement
- › System-Based Practice
- › Interprofessional Collaboration
- › Personal and Professional Development

Core Personal Competencies*

- › Integrity & Ethics
- › Reliability & Dependability



Core values

- › Capacity for Improvement
- › Resilience & Adaptability



**Keys to success in
medical school**

- › Service Orientation
- › Social & Interpersonal Skills
- › Cultural Competence
- › Oral Communication
- › Teamwork



**Competencies needed
to be an effective MD**

*endorsed by AAMC Group on Admissions 11/29/2011

Extracurricular Activities

- › Clinical Experiences
- › Community Service
- › Leadership
- › Professional Development
- › Employment

Clinical Experiences

- An absolute MUST!
- Should be a significant experience – get involved [more than shadow an MD, be at the bedside, be involved with patients – work closely with nursing staff, be a scribe, work for a community clinic, work at nursing home, hospice, etc.]
- Ensure enough time invested for it to count! A letter of recommendation would be important if possible

Community Service

- Should be a meaningful activity – major involvement of time, leadership, etc.
- Choose 1 or 2 with personal investment rather than more with minimal time/effort spent
- Choose an activity consistent with your values and career aspirations
- Build both leadership and teamwork skills
- Obtaining a letter of recommendation extolling your virtues here would be very helpful

Professional Development

- Attend seminars or conferences to learn more about the medical profession
- Read articles related to health care, medical trends, major diseases, etc.
- Appreciate the disparities which certain groups experience related to health care
- Improve time management, networking and communication skills

Medical School Interview

Purpose of the interview is to assess:

- a) **Communication skills**
- b) **Problem-solving skills**
- c) **Professionalism**
- d) **Leadership**
- e) **“Mission Fit”**

3 Questions Admissions Committee Members Must Answer

- Can s/he successfully complete all the requirements of medical training?
- Does s/he have the character traits needed to be a good doctor?
- Is s/he “mission fit”?

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Applicants **must**:

- a) have completed a minimum of 4 qtrs at UCR prior to applying to this program (and must complete at least 6 qtrs before matriculation); normally applicants will have completed 7 or more qtrs before applying
- b) be within one year of graduation with their BS/BA degree from UCR at time of selection or recently graduated but have not applied to medical school;
- c) complete all UCR school of medicine pre-requisite courses with a cumulative BCPM science GPA > 3.40;
- d) have invested time in community service;
- e) have been exposed to significant clinical experiences;
- f) express his/her commitment to practice in Inland So. California; and
- g) commit to enroll in the UCR SOM, if accepted into this program

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Comparison of the Early Assurance Program and the regular AMCAS Haider Program for the 2016 cohort

2016	EAP	Regular Haider
# completed applications	27	169
# interviewed	12	27
# accepted	9	19
# matriculated	[8 EAP in 2016]	16
Ave. BCPM for accepted/matriculated*	3.77	3.55
Ave. MCAT for accepted/matriculated**	25 / 509	27.4 / 505.7

*BCPM for accepted EAP/ BCPM for matriculated Regular Haider admits

**only 2 of the accepted EAP applicants took the MCAT; the MCAT ave. for the 16 matriculated Regular Haider admits

Early Assurance Program

Program Restrictions

- Applicants applying through this program are NOT permitted to apply to other schools.
- Only in-state residents may apply through this program.
- This program is NOT available to students who have already applied for medical school.

PS: This program is NOT an accelerated graduation program – all EAP admitted students must have completed their BS/BA degree before matriculation.

Application Procedures

Applicants must submit all application materials directly to UCR School of Medicine Admissions Office, using eap@medsch.ucr.edu, including:

- a) the **“Early Assurance Program” application**
- b) one official copy of each college **academic transcript**
- c) **At least 3 letters of recommendation from knowledgeable sources (including at least one from science faculty) - max of 5 LORs**

Deadline for receipt of all application materials is **April 3rd, 2017**. Applications will not be reviewed before this deadline.

Note: Applicants will not be required to submit an MCAT score unless it was already taken (if the applicant did complete an MCAT, that score **must** be submitted as part of the application).

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What happens after you apply:

- › Review of application materials is conducted by the Haider Admissions Committee who determines applicants to be invited for interviews (max of 12). Interviews will be conducted in May, and includes both the Multiple Mini Interview and short one-on-one interview(s).
- › **Notification of acceptance** into the program will be sent **by May 30**.
- › Successful candidates are required to sign a commitment letter to:
 - Complete their BS/BA degree with a BCPM science GPA ≥ 3.40 .
 - Complete the academic year or gap year plan as described and approved by the admissions committee.
 - Not apply to other medical schools during the next application cycle.
- › Admitted EAP applicants will need to fill out an AMCAS application for the year in which they matriculate into UCR SOM. The guaranteed admission offer will be nullified if these commitments are not met or if the applicant is convicted of any professional violation prior to matriculation into the UCR SOM.
- › Selected students would be eligible for all scholarships available to regularly admitted applicants.

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Advantages of being admitted through this portal:

- a) You are guaranteed an early seat in the UCR SOM
- b) You will have time to focus on other activities in your senior year or “glide” year – such as more clinical experience, more community service, research, etc.
- c) You do not need to take the MCAT
- d) You can save the expenses of having AMCAS send your application to many universities, completing and paying for secondary applications, and costs of traveling to other medical schools for interviews

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Disadvantages of applying and not being admitted through this portal:

- a) The time and effort to complete the application, send in the transcripts, and get official letters of recommendation
[note: these materials will not substitute for the official AMCAS application process for the normal application cycle]
- b) Time potentially lost that you could be concentrating on studies or preparing for the MCAT exam
- c) The receipt of a rejection letter

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- Can I apply to both the Early Assurance Program and the Regular Thomas Haider Program through AMCAS? **YES**, but not in the same application cycle – EAP first, AMCAS second
- If I apply to the Early Assurance Program, will it count against me if I am rejected? **NO**
- Does it count as one cycle of my 3 maximum applications for admission to UCR medical school? **NO**

Important Information

- › Applications will be available starting November 4th, 2016 on the UCR SOM EAP website (<http://medschool.ucr.edu/admissions/eap.html>)
- › Application deadline = April 3, 2017 at 11:59 pm
- › To decide if you should apply, I strongly recommend you get advice from one of the following:
 - Mr. Charles Scruggs, Director of HPAC
 - Ms. Amber Nicholson, Asst. Dir. of HPAC
 - Ms. Teresa Cofield, Director of SOM Pipeline Programs

Questions?

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