

Preparing to Apply to Medical School – It's More Than Numbers!

You should apply *when you are ready*, and can demonstrate achievement and proficiency in the following areas:

Pre-Requisite Courses: (MD and DO)

2 Semesters of Biology (with lab)
2 Semesters of General Chemistry (with lab)
2 Semesters of Organic Chemistry (with lab)
2 Semesters of Physics (with lab)
Calculus A
Also: English / Sociology / Psychology

Academic/Aptitude Performance:

MD schools: >3.5 GPA, and MCAT of >507 (>30) [TCNJ average 3.65 and 509 (31.5)]
DO schools: > 3.3 GPA and MCAT of >505 (>27) [TCNJ average 3.4 and 506 (>28)]
Are you ready to commit to life-long learning, and tackling daily challenges?

Community Service:

Can you demonstrate a pattern of consistent, sincere service to and compassion for others?

Working Knowledge of the Profession:

Have you taken the opportunity, perhaps through summer employment, to shadow other professionals; volunteer within the profession at some level; and/or participate in research or clinical internships?

Strong Leadership and Professional Skills:

Do you communicate with others clearly?
Do you listen as closely as you speak?
Are you respected, and act and react in a mature and professional manner?
Do you model integrity?
Do you participate in activities and clubs?
Have you applied your skills as a lab assistant, tutor, or mentor?
Are you a good team player, and collaborate with others?
Are you sensitive to the needs of others – especially those of other cultures?
Are you reliable, and adaptable?