



## Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Upstate Accelerated Scholars

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACPHS) has an agreement with SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine (Upstate) that allows admitted ACPHS students seeking the Bachelor of Science degree to be guaranteed acceptance into Upstate's Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program if they satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

### Eligibility

- An excellent high school GPA with a 90% average minimum
- Have extra-curricular activities that clearly document some experience in a healthcare setting and a commitment to service work.
- SAT test scores of 1360 or better (combined Critical Reading & Math) or ACT test score of 31 Composite or better. The score will not be rounded to meet this minimum.

### Application Process

- Students applying to ACPHS must indicate their interest in being considered for the Upstate Accelerated Scholars (UAS) program on the ACPHS application, complete the supplemental essay for the UAS program and submit their resume.
- Students must be accepted to ACPHS and then recommended by ACPHS to Upstate Medical University to be considered. Please note acceptance to ACPHS does not guarantee acceptance into the UAS program.
- Application package due December 1<sup>st</sup> from ACPHS will include:
  - Original application to ACPHS
  - Statement of interest in medicine and the UAS program
  - Resume
- SUNY Upstate will screen candidates recommended by ACPHS and determine which students will be invited to interview. SUNY Upstate will notify students invited to interview and inform students of their decisions and provide a conditional acceptance letter to the students selected.
- Accepted students will be required to meet with their academic advisor to craft a course schedule that meets the high academic science/general and major requirements expected of program participants.
- Acceptance into the UAS is binding. Students who apply to other medical schools once accepted into SUNY Upstate will be immediately withdrawn from the UAS program.

Please note that ACPHS has a rolling admission process, if students plan to apply for the UAS, it is strongly recommended to apply to ACPHS by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Students are required to complete the application process and commit to ACPHS by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

At ACPHS, UAS program students will meet with their academic advisor and Director of Pre Professional Pathways to ensure they are meeting the requirements (academic and extracurricular) expected of program participants.

- Complete graduation requirements for their specified degree program, and in addition complete the following Medical School prerequisite courses: Biology I and II, General Chemistry I and II, Organic Chemistry I, General Physics I and II (all science courses must include a laboratory component), Biochemistry and Statistics. Students must receive no grade lower than a “B” in these medical school prerequisites. All of the above courses must be successfully completed at ACPHS.
- UAS students must maintain a high level of academic achievement (3.50 grade point cumulative average and a 3.50 grade point semester average in the sciences each semester) and make reasonable progress toward other goals (e.g., research and experiential).
- Complete and document 40 hours of volunteer service during the student’s undergraduate career. It is strongly recommended that these hours be completed in direct contact with patients and physicians in a healthcare setting while at ACPHS.
- The MCAT requirement for admission into Upstate is waived for individuals that are accepted into the program.

One of the goals of this program is to encourage diversity and to provide a pathway to medical school for students from a variety of different academic backgrounds. For additional information on application and curriculum requirements, please contact Elizabeth Brookins, ACPHS Director of Pre-Professional Pathways, at [Elizabeth.Brookins@acphs.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Brookins@acphs.edu) or visit the ACPHS website.