

Albany Medical College Early Assurance Program With Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Introduction

The Albany Medical College offers highly qualified students attending the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences the opportunity to apply to medical school at the end of their sophomore year. If accepted, they are assured of admission two years later upon completion of their undergraduate degree requirements.

Early assurance admission to Albany Medical College will allow selected students in curricula to focus on substantive medical research/scholarship during the third and fourth year of the BS program. It may be possible for this research to be done in collaboration with faculty from the Medical College, the NYS Health Department or the Pharmacy College and Health Sciences. Students from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences will enter medical school with a thorough understanding of drug development from drug discovery and pre-clinical/clinical trials, through marketing, clinical utilization and post-marketing surveillance. Some feel it is essential with the technological and pharmacological advances that will be seen in this century to prepare health care practitioners to make evidence based clinical decisions about medication use. The physician with pharmaceutical sciences training can be a leader in the effort to maximize the benefit and minimize the risks of disease treatment and prevention using medicines.

Students who select this pathway should do so only after significant reflection and consultation with their advisor. They should be confident of their interest in pursuing a career in medicine and that admission to the Albany Medical College is the path they would choose toward that goal.

Academic Prerequisites and Expectations

Qualified applicants will have compiled a strong undergraduate record, documented by course grades and by instructor evaluations. A minimum of two (2) of the four (4) one year science courses (biology, inorganic and organic chemistry, physics) required for admission to the Albany Medical College must be completed by the end of the sophomore year. Accepted applicants will be expected to carry a full course load during their junior and senior years. The MCAT is waived for students accepted through the early assurance program.

Applicants must articulate in writing the personal advantage they see to their participation in this program. In addition, they must outline their goals and objectives for the remaining two undergraduate years as well as a proposal for obtaining them through specific academic and extracurricular activities. Specifically, they must indicate how the proposed activities for the junior and senior years might enhance their capacities as a future physician. Each accepted student is committed to continuing vigorous intellectual activity as demonstrated by breadth of education as well as depth in some field of concentrated study.

Admission Process

Interested students should seek the advice and support of the Chair of the Medical School Advisory Committee at ACPHS. An application form may be obtained by contacting the medical school admissions office at (518) 262-5521. The following schedule will apply:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Deadlines</u>
Formal application, credentials and supporting documents to be submitted	June 15
Screening and interview, if indicated	July
Notification to applicant of admissions committee decision	August 1
Commitment from accepted applicant	September 1

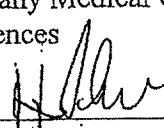
Acceptance and Continuation in the Program

An offer of admission by the Albany Medical College requires a reciprocal commitment by the student that is binding unless there is a compelling reason to change. It is understood that the student will not apply to other medical schools, nor will the undergraduate school support such applications. In return, the Albany Medical College will reserve a place in the class to be admitted two years later.

Continuation in the program will require evidence of general academic progress consistent with past performance, and of significant progress toward achievement of individually specified goals. Students are expected to maintain a minimum grade point average each term of 3.40 both in overall course work and in the sciences. The undergraduate advisor will meet with individual students at least once each semester to discuss their progress and any problems that may develop. In addition, a medical school faculty advisor will meet with each student at least once a year. On going communication between undergraduate and medical school representatives will ensure that both schools' requirements and individual student objectives are being met.

Promotion to the medical school can be denied should anything occur that would cause the admissions committee to question a student's suitability to pursue a career in medicine. Similarly, failure to meet academic standards will constitute grounds for dismissal from the program. This would not render a student ineligible for pursuing a future application to the medical college through conventional pathways.

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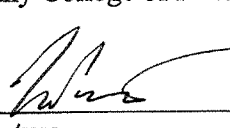


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