Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How many applicants will receive admissions?
A. Five applicants will receive admissions.

Q. Who should our letters of recommendation come from and how many should be submitted?
A. A minimum of three letters should be submitted from someone you have interacted with in an employment, volunteer, or clinical setting. We recommend letters from teachers, professors or mentors who can speak to your academic qualities. Applicants are allowed to a maximum of 5 letters.

Q. Will students receive a bachelor’s degree in 3 years?
A. Students will not receive a bachelor’s degree. They will complete undergraduate coursework that will prepare them for the MD Curriculum. After successfully completing the APME program, students will receive their MD degree in an additional four years. (Seven years in total)

Q. The supplemental questions state a minimum of 350 words but allows me to submit more, will my answer be cut off?
A. Your entire answer will be included in the application; however, the goal is to provide your answer in 350 words or less.

Q. When will interviews take place?
A. Interviews will take place on March 11, 2022 and will be held virtually via Zoom.

Q. When will applicants be notified of their acceptance into the program?
A. Applicants will be notified in April 2022 and will need to commit to the APME program by May 1, 2022.

Q. What happens if I am not admitted to APME?
A. If you are not admitted to APME, you can work to potentially gain admission to the Honors Early Assurance Program (HEAP). The Honors College MedCat Early Assurance Program allows for academically talented students to gain early admission to the University of Arizona’s College of Medicine-Tucson. You can view the criteria here: https://honors.arizona.edu/medcat

Q. What is the timeline for this application cycle?
A. Application Deadline: January 31st, 2022 (See full timeline below)

Q. What is the selection criteria for admissions?
A. We will conduct a holistic review of your application and will take your overall GPA, and any experiences, awards, test scores etc. you may have into consideration along with the answers to the supplemental questions. We will be looking for applicants who demonstrate specific attributes that align with the College of Medicine - Tucson’s mission and vision.
Q. Do I have to be in a College of Medicine-Tucson major as an undergraduate student?
A. No, you do not have to be in a College of Medicine-Tucson undergraduate major to participate in APME. However, there is a set course list that the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson requires for admission. Science based majors are typically recommended to ensure all required courses are covered, to see the list of requirements, you can visit this link: https://theacenter.arizona.edu/ua-college-medicine-tucson-prerequisites

Q. Do I still have to wait 3 years to start the MD program if I come in with a year or more of AP credit or dual enrollment/transfer credit?
A. Yes, you will still take 3 years of undergraduate courses. If you have your COM-T prerequisites done, then you can take courses in any other area of interest you have! You can use this opportunity to explore other areas you may have been curious about but you will still have to complete the 3 years of undergraduate courses prior to starting the MD program at COM-T.

Dates and Deadlines:
Application Deadline: January 31st, 2022
Application Review Begins: February 2022
Virtual Interviews Conducted: March 11, 2021
Committee Review: April 2021
Accepted applicants notified: April 2021
Accepted Students commit to APME: May 1, 2022
*Dates are subject to change