



# WMedStart

## Early Decision Program



WMedStart is an early decision program designed for highly qualified Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College, Grand Valley State University, Albion College students during their junior year of undergraduate education for admission to WMed for the academic year following completion of their baccalaureate education. The program is open to all students in their junior year, and eligible students in their senior year.

### Why WMedStart?

An early decision for admission to medical school means you can focus on learning and successfully completing your undergraduate studies. Successful applicants are notified of acceptance to WMed toward the end of their junior year, which allows for a stress-free senior year without the need to incur the expense—energy, time and money—of applying, traveling and interviewing at multiple medical schools.

### Does applying for WMedStart affect my chances of admission to WMed if I am not accepted through WMedStart?

No. There is no adverse impact if you are not accepted through WMedStart and then apply to WMed through the regular application process.

### What is my obligation if I accept admission through WMedStart?

Students who accept an offer of admission to WMed through WMedStart must maintain their academic status and successfully complete the remainder of their undergraduate studies as described in their application. Students will be required to sit for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) prior to matriculation. Students who accept an offer of admission to WMed must agree not to apply to other medical schools since they are officially admitted to medical school.

### How do I apply to the WMedStart Program?

The WMedStart application opens **October 31** for consideration for the medical school class beginning in 2025. The deadline to submit a WMedStart application and receipt of all supporting materials is **January 31, 2024**. The application can be found in the Preferred Relationships tab at [wmed.edu/admissions](http://wmed.edu/admissions).

#### Undergraduate GPA

Minimum Cumulative GPA  
**3.7**

Minimum Science GPA  
**3.5**

#### ACT or SAT

Minimum ACT Score  
**30**

Minimum SAT Score  
**1350**

#### Status

United States Citizenship

Permanent Resident Status  
(e.g., a permanent resident  
Green Card)

# WMed Application

In order to apply and be considered for admission, all the following materials are required and must be received no later than January 31:

## WMedStart Application

- o Current Resume
- o Two essays – each approximately one page in length
  - o Describe why you wish to enroll at WMed. Please describe your connection to southwest Michigan, your plans through medical school matriculation, and why the WMedStart program is the right fit for you
  - o Describe how you add to the cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of the medical profession and what you bring to the practice of medicine - your values, skills, talents, and life experiences.

## Letters of Reference

- o No more than four letters of reference with two coming from faculty members who can comment on academic achievement and personal qualities. May be sent to [admissions@wmed.edu](mailto:admissions@wmed.edu). Letters must be on official letterhead and/or include a signature.

## ACT/SAT Score Report

- o An official score report or an official high school transcript reporting the score

## Transcripts

- o Official copies from all colleges and universities you have attended.

## Citizenship Verification

- o Photocopy of your passport, driver's license, or permanent resident card.

## Application Fee of \$100

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### Recommended Coursework

- o General Chemistry
- o Organic Chemistry
- o Biology
- o Physics



### Questions?

Please contact the WMed Office of Admissions:

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