

Preparing for the Health Professions

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Health Professions web page

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Being a Competitive Applicant

- Prerequisite courses
- GPA
- MCAT/DAT/GRE
- Shadowing
- Clinical experience
- Research
- Community service
- Extracurricular Activities

Typical Course Schedule

Fall year 1	Spring year 1	Fall year 2	Spring year 2	Fall year 3	Spring year 3	Fall year 4	Spring year 4	Right after graduation
*CHM 111/L	CHM 122/L MTH 111?	CHM 223/L Bio 114	CHM 280/L *Bio 214	Study abroad?	BIO 370 or CHM 370 *Bio 213	PHY 113/L	PHY 114/L Prepare for MCAT exam	Apply to medical school

Fall year 1	Spring year 1	Fall year 2	Spring year 2	Fall year 3	Spring year 3	Summer Year 3	Fall year 4	Spring Year 4
CHM 111/L MTH 111?	CHM 122/L BIO 114/L	CHM 223/L BIO 213/L	CHM 280/L BIO 214/L	PHY 113/L BIO370 or CHM 370	PHY 114/L Prepare for MCAT	Apply to medical school	Complete divisionals and major	Complete divisionals and major

What if I have a low GPA after my first year?

- You may repeat a course if your grade is lower than a C-.
- Your higher grade will replace the grade on your transcript.
- Med. schools will recalculate using all grades.
- Focus on GPA.

Ask for help if you need it!

- Faculty office hours
- Tutors from Learning Assistance Center
- Math/Chemistry/Biology Centers
- Office of Academic Advising

What do I do if my GPA is lower than 3.4?

- GAP YEAR(S)!

MCAT and GPAs for Applicants and Matriculants

Applicants

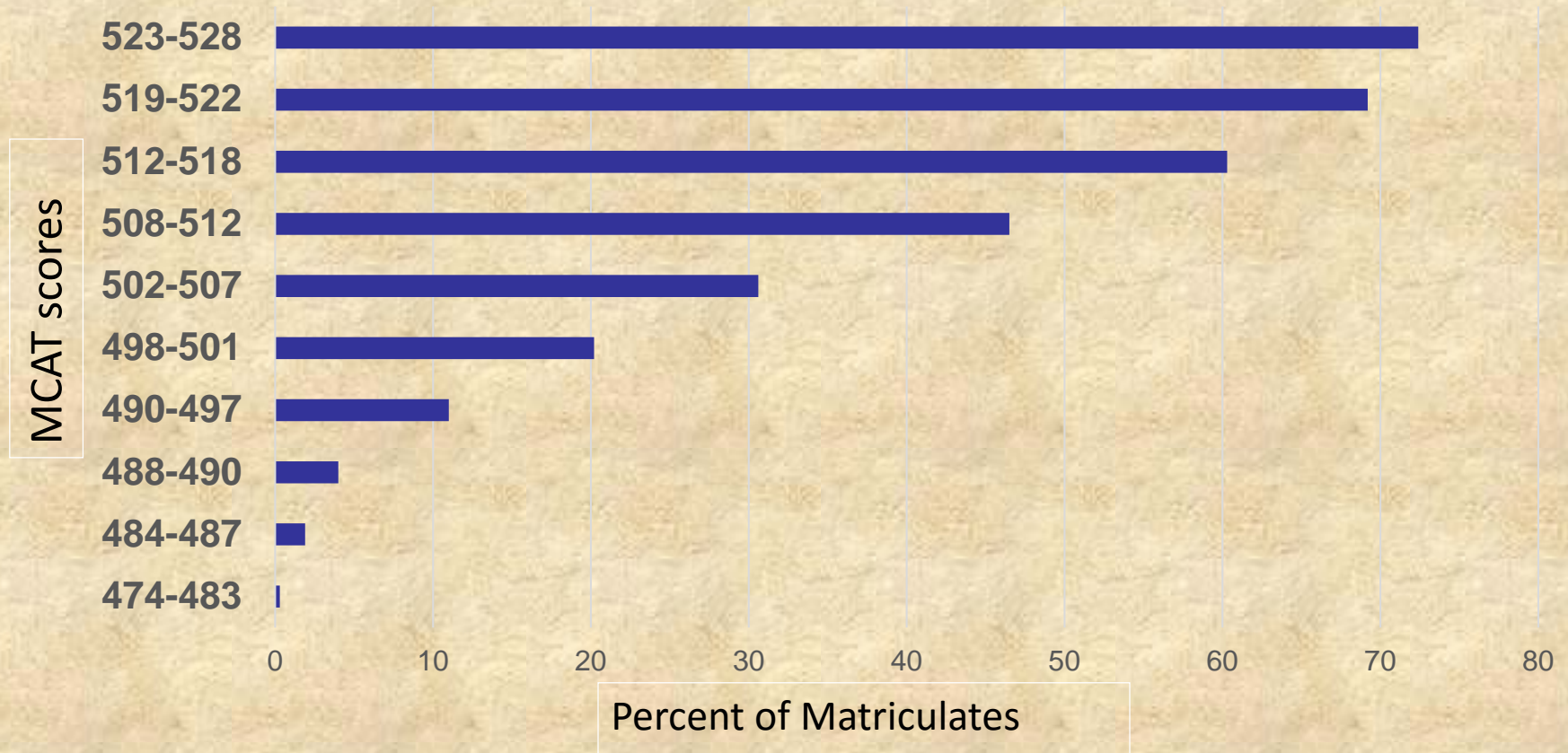
		2016-2017	2017-2018
Total MCAT	Mean	501.8	504.7
	SD	9.5	9.4
GPA Science	Mean	3.45	3.45
	SD	0.43	0.43
GPA Non-Science	Mean	3.69	3.70
	SD	0.3	0.29
GPA Total	Mean	3.55	3.56
	SD	0.34	0.34
Total Applicants		53,042	51,680

Matriculants

Total MCAT	Mean	508.7	510.4
	SD	6.9	6.6
GPA Science	Mean	3.64	3.64
	SD	0.3	0.31
GPA Non-Science	Mean	3.78	3.79
	SD	0.23	0.22
GPA Total	Mean	3.7	3.71
	SD	0.24	0.25
Total Matriculants		21,030	21,338

A good MCAT score can compensate for a lower GPA

% acceptance, GPA 3.4-3.59



Which Major?

- Whatever excites you!

GPA/MCAT alone will not get you into professional school

- Community service
 - Clinical experience
 - Leadership/extracurriculars
 - Research
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- Continuous commitment

Study abroad?

- Of course you should!

PHY 113 / PHY 114 in Vienna!

Are you a pre-health student trying to get your physics requirement done? Are you a science major trying to go abroad and can't get your science classes in? This is your chance!

Now the opportunity exists that students can get both of these physics core classes completed at the same time in a single semester abroad — come to the **Flow House in Vienna/ Austria in Spring 2020!** We will offer the following classes, fulfilling a maximum of divisional requirements:

PHY 113 and 114

MUS 219

HST 120

GER 110 or 150 or 214

HMN 190

Division V

Division III

Division I

required

required

Prior knowledge of German is not required, but might make your experience more valuable. For more information, please contact:

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When should I apply to medical school?

- After junior year?
- After senior year?
- Later?
- **Do not apply before you are ready.**
time and money
- **How do you know if you are ready?**

**You do not need a HPC letter to
apply to medical school**

Osteopathic medical schools, entering class 2016

Average GPA of matriculating students

Science	Non-science	Overall
3.45	3.64	3.53

Average MCAT of matriculating students

502

MD vs Physician Assistant

- Two – three semesters of chemistry
- No physics
- Additional requirements” - Microbiology and Statistics
- 1,000-4,000 hours of “direct patient healthcare experience.” Some require paid clinical hours.
- The average GPA for students who matriculated to PA school in 2015 was 3.5

Early Assurance Program

Well-qualified Wake Forest students upon completion of the sophomore year may apply for acceptance to the class entering two years later through the Early Assurance Program (EAP). To be eligible for this program, candidates must:

- Complete at least half of the prerequisites at WFU by the end of their sophomore year
- Have an overall GPA of 3.5 and a science GPA of 3.5 for each semester in school
- Have satisfactory ethical conduct.
- MCAT score of > 509 .

AdviseStream

- E-portfolio
 - Keeping track of your activities and progress towards completion of goals
- Health Professions Application
- <http://college.wfu.edu/prehealth/>

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How to sign up:

1. Go to <https://wfu.advisestream.com>
2. Enter the requested information, **including the access token below.**
3. Look for an email from AdviseStream with a temporary password.



Access Token:
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