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Early Assurance Program

with SUNY-Upstate Medical University College of Medicine

Program Information

St. Bonaventure University maintains an Early Assurance Program with the SUNY-Upstate Medical University School of Medicine in Syracuse, N.Y.

The EAP program is designed to free students from the pressures associated with applying to numerous medical schools, allowing them more freedom to pursue unique academic interests and experiences. It is NOT intended to accelerate the length of time of an undergraduate education.

Application Requirements

- A minimum 3.5 grade point average overall and in required medical school prerequisites.
- Any 5 out of the 8 science courses listed below completed prior to application. All science courses must have the corresponding lab with the exception of Biochemistry:
 - General Biology I & lab (3-4 semester hrs.)
 - General Biology II & lab (3-4 semester hrs.)
 - General Chemistry I & lab (3-4 semester hrs.)
 - General Chemistry II & lab (3-4 semester hrs.)
 - Organic Chemistry I & lab (3-4 semester hrs.)
 - Biochemistry (3-4 semester hrs.)
 - General Physics I & lab (3-4 semester hrs.)
 - General Physics II & lab (3-4 semester hrs.)
- The courses below are additional pre-requisites that do not need to be completed prior to application, however they need to be successfully completed prior to enrolling as a medical student:
 - English elective (3 semester hrs.)

- Composition or Writing course (3 semester hrs.)
- Statistics (3 semester hrs.)
- Sophomore status at SBU.
- A letter of recommendation from the SBU Health Professions Evaluation Committee.
- A copy of your SAT or ACT score report. (Preference given to students with 1360 (ERW+M) SAT or ACT composite 29.)
- An official transcript of four semesters of completed college coursework.
- An official high school transcript.
- An application fee payable to SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Accepted students are required to complete their remaining two years of college, maintain a 3.5 or higher science pre-requisite GPA and overall GPA each semester at St. Bonaventure University, receive no grade lower than a C in ANY course, and continue relevant volunteer and clinical experiences. The MCAT exam is required with a recommended score of 509. Applicants are not required to be residents of New York State, but New York State residents receive preference. Applications are available online each March and must be completed by July 1, following the sophomore year.

For more information about the Upstate EAP program, please see their website at:
<http://www.upstate.edu/com/admissions/options/soph.php>

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