

Schreyer Honors College Early Assurance Program

For Admission to The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine

Instructions

Before your early assurance application can be reviewed, the following steps must be completed:

- a) Please complete the **Request for Schreyer Honors College Early Assurance Committee Evaluation Form** and include it in your completed application that you will email as a pdf to SHCAcademics@psu.edu.
- b) Please complete the **College of Medicine Application Form** (final pages of this document) AND **compile all required application materials as defined in that form.**
- c) **Three letters of recommendation** from faculty who can speak to your potential to pursue medical studies. IMPORTANT NOTE CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS: Schreyer asks that one of your letters of recommendation come from your honors adviser rather than the undergraduate college/university's Premedical/Preprofessional Advisory Committee or equivalent committee referred to in the College of Medicine Application Form. The two other letters of recommendation should come from other faculty acquainted with your potential for a career in medicine.
- d) After spring grades are posted, our Schreyer's Academic Affairs Office will send a **required online survey** to applicants that meet all academic requirements. This survey must be completed by June 1. It serves as essential material for our support letter. The survey will not be forwarded to the College of Medicine.

The Schreyer Honors College will forward your completed application, our Early Assurance support letter, and the individual faculty letters of recommendation to the College of Medicine.

Questions may be directed to SHCAcademics@psu.edu.

Schreyer Early Assurance Program Timeline

Application should be completed in the spring semester of a student's second year.

- April 15 – Applicant completes and submits all components of application.
- May – The Schreyer Early Assurance Committee will review applications and send surveys to qualified applicants.
- June – The Schreyer Committee will forward applications of the best-qualified applicants to the College of Medicine Admissions Committee.
- June-July – Applications are reviewed by the College of Medicine Admissions Committee.
- Late July – Selected candidates are invited for an interview from the College of Medicine
- Late August/early September – A decision is made, and email notification is sent to the applicant and the Schreyer Honors College.

If You Are Accepted

Following acceptance of the provisional offer for College of Medicine (COM) admission, admitted applicants must note the following:

Academic Requirements and Expectations

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5
- Complete all remaining requirements for the undergraduate degree including all [course requirements](#) (137/138 is not required of Schreyer Scholars who entered in their second year).
- Applicants are encouraged to select a broad-based science and non-science curriculum and participate in extra-curricular programs including service and leadership activities.
- Additional recommended courses include:
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology with lab or equivalent (1 year/2 semesters)
 - Microbiology (1 semester)
 - Behavioral and social science courses (anthropology, economics, ethics, history, sociology, psychology, philosophy)
 - Humanities courses (art, drama, literature, languages, music)

Conduct Expectations

Applicants are expected to remain good citizens of the college community and maintain decorum consistent with behavior befitting the medical profession. Applicants must agree to (a) release to the COM the record of any disciplinary sanctions imposed by the Institution; and (b) report to the COM any conviction of a criminal violation during the provisional acceptance period. Such information will be evaluated in a manner consistent with regular applicants for admission to the COM.

MCAT Performance

Admitted applicants must take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) during early Spring of their junior year. During exam registration, the applicant must indicate the release of scores to COM and report their score results to the COM as soon as received. Exam completion is a formal requirement for COM admission. Students must obtain a composite score of at least 511. Students not meeting this requirement will be permitted to retake the exam once. Any retake must be completed by mid-September of their senior year. Students not meeting this requirement after these attempts will be dismissed from the Program.

Final Steps

Formal acceptance to Penn State COM is contingent upon all the above, a final recommendation of acceptance by the Institution's Committee, and submission of a final transcript. After that, you will prepare the AMCAS primary application and the Penn State COM Hershey secondary application. A fall visit will be scheduled for you. You must also complete the Choose Your Medical School Tool prompts. These must be completed prior to matriculation.

Contact Schreyer Academic Affairs Office, shcademics@psu.edu with any questions.

Penn State Schreyer Honors College
Office of the Associate Dean
Early Assurance Evaluation Committee
(email pdf to SHCAcademics@psu.edu)

REQUEST FOR COMPILED EARLY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE EVALUATION
(Committee use only)

Signatory for FERPA compliance for Transmitting Early Assurance Committee Evaluation Letter, Faculty Letters of Recommendations and Access to Early Assurance Committee Evaluation Letter.

I authorize the Schreyer Honors College to transmit such information and letters of recommendation in support of my application to the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. I release Penn State University and its individual staff members from civil liability for any damages sustained by me by reason of their respective functions and services in fulfillment of this request.

Please make one selection:

() I hereby voluntarily waive and relinquish any right of access to this confidential Early Assurance Committee letter of evaluation. By waiving your right to access you do not have the right to read the evaluation once completed by the committee.

() I retain my right of access to this confidential Early Assurance Committee letter of evaluation. By not waiving your right to access you have the right to read the evaluation once completed by the evaluator.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Application Form
Early Assurance Program

Date: _____

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Legal Full Name: _____

Preferred First Name: _____ Pronouns: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Legal State of Residency: _____ Legal County of Residency: _____

Childhood City, County, and State of Residency: _____

EDUCATION

High School Name: _____ City/State: _____

Undergraduate College/University: _____

Major: _____ Anticipated Graduation: _____

Science GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

CERTIFICATION

Institutional Action: YES OR NO

If yes, please provide an explanation.

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If yes, please provide an explanation.

Previous Matriculation: YES OR NO

If yes, please provide an explanation.

American Citizen/Permanent Resident: YES OR NO

If no, applicant is ineligible.

Completing Undergraduate College/University in 4 Years/8 Semesters: YES OR NO

If no, please provide an explanation.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS

- (A) A biographical sketch (resume/CV or equivalent) indicating activities and interests over the past two years that include such categories as:
 - a. Extracurricular activities (including any offices held)
 - b. Honors and awards
 - c. Hobbies or unorganized activities
 - d. Summer employment or Part-time employment during the school year
 - e. Research experience
 - f. Within each category, list activities in chronological order (from past to present) and indicate dates of duration of activities
- (B) An updated, official undergraduate transcript.
- (C) A 300–500-word personal statement describing reason(s) to pursue a career in medicine as a physician.
- (D) A 300–500-word personal response to identifying at least three (3) attributes specific to Penn State College of Medicine that are appealing and why each is motivation to pursue early admission into this medical school
- (E) Letter(s) of Support including a letter from the undergraduate college/university's Premedical/Preprofessional Advisory Committee or equivalent committee and a minimum of two letters of support from faculty members including at least one from a science department faculty member
- (F) Explanations to any certification statements if applicable