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FAQs for Prospective Pre-Medical Students

1) What % of QU applicants get accepted to medical school?

Over the past five cycles, the MD acceptance rate has ranged between **75-100%** for applicants with a [3.6 and above science GPA and a 70th percentile and above MCAT score](#).

2) What is the best major for pre-med students?

Whatever you are interested in studying! There is no “best” major for pre-med students. Medical schools can easily assess an applicant’s academic readiness through pre-requisite courses and the MCAT exam and do not have preferences for specific majors. Medical schools strongly encourage undergraduates to be intellectually curious and pursue academic pathways based on interests, not perceived expectations.

How to choose? Go beyond the title of the major. Compare your options, look at required course descriptions, review electives to gauge interest, and consider experiential learning options, programs, and research opportunities within the major/department.

3) Does it help me get into Quinnipiac’s medical school if I went to QU as an undergrad?

Netter School of Medicine is the top admitting MD program for QU applicants (accepts more QU applicants than any other medical school). While [there is no official matriculation agreement or linkage](#), there are some potential advantages to applying to Netter as a QU undergrad/alumni:

- Opportunities to network with the Dean of Admission and members of the admissions committee through pre-health advising events.
- Potential to have letters of recommendation from undergraduate faculty known to the SOM admissions committee.
- Ability to participate in Netter open house events, conferences, clubs, research, etc.
- Mentorship opportunities with Netter’s AMSA chapter.

4) What MD programs have accepted QU applicants?

The following MD programs have accepted QU applicant(s) in the last five cycles (2017 – 2021):

- Albany Medical College
- Central Michigan University
- Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
- Creighton University School of Medicine
- Drexel University College of Medicine
- Eastern Virginia Medical School
- Frank H. Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University
- Georgetown University School of Medicine
- Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine
- Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- New York Medical College
- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Pritzker School of Medicine at University of Chicago
- Robert Wood Johnson
- Rush Medical College
- Rutgers University

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- Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
- St. Louis University
- SUNY Upstate (Syracuse)
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- University at Buffalo
- University of Alabama
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Connecticut
- University of Rochester
- University of Tennessee
- University of Vermont
- Vanderbilt University (#18 nationally for research)
- Virginia Commonwealth
- Wake Forest School of Medicine
- Wayne State University School of Medicine
- Weill Cornell (#11 nationally for research)

5) What are the classes required for the pre-med designation?

Please see separate “Pre-Medical Studies Designation Handout” for complete designation details. Students pursuing the pre-med designation must successfully complete the following classes (*all designation courses are held on the Mount Carmel campus*):

- Designation required: General Biology (8 credits w/ lab), General Chemistry (8 credits w/ lab), Organic Chemistry (8 credits w/lab), General Physics (8 credits w/ lab), Biochemistry (4 credits), Calculus (3 credits)
- Additional courses commonly required by medical schools: Two English courses (required by most schools); Sociology and Psychology (to prepare for the MCAT exam)

6) What should a prospective student do now (before applying or matriculating to QU)

- a. Be SURE to indicate your interest in QU’s [Pre-Medical Studies Designation](#) on the Common App (to automatically receive pre-health advising emails prior to first term).
- b. [Get some experience in healthcare!](#) Volunteer or shadow professionals in various settings to learn more about the field and explore the many fantastic professional tracks available to you. It is recommended to:
 - i. Track dates, hours, and details of the experience.
 - ii. Reflect on what you are learning about healthcare, the medical profession, and your interests along the way.
 - iii. Utilize resources available through the [American Association of Medical Colleges](#) for pre-college and college students.
 - iv. Explore! You never know what your perfect career “fit” will be. There are 100+ clinical professions in healthcare and *multiple* clinical doctorates to choose from. Do not limit yourself early on - your dream career could be something you have not yet discovered! Keep an open mind and start here:

