

FGCU/USF Medical Education Program FAQs

The following are answers to common questions from parents, students and high school counselors about the Medical Education Program. If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Biological Sciences at (239) 590-7153 or via email at jwilson@fgcu.edu

▪ **Who is eligible to participate in this program?**

High school seniors, those qualifying as *First Time in College* (FTIC) students with Freshman status of less than 30 credits of college/university courses and who will obtain their high school diploma prior to starting the program.

▪ **What is the application fee to participate in this program?**

The application fee is \$30.00 and is due at the time you submit your application.

▪ **What are the requirements for admission to the FGCU/USF Medical Education Program?**

The initial entry requirements for admission to the program are a 3.7 unweighted High School GPA and a 1300 SAT or 29 ACT. However, students must continue to meet the GPA and curriculum requirements to stay in the program. For a complete list of the program and curriculum requirements please click refer to the FGCU catalog.

▪ **I have an SAT score above 1300 but my GPA is below the required 3.7, can I apply to the program?**

Although you may apply to the program, the admissions requirements are strictly upheld by the FGCU Department of Biological Sciences and the University of South Florida (USF) College of Medicine. Students must have both a 1300 SAT score (ACT score of 29) and an unweighted high school GPA of at least 3.7.

▪ **What requirements must I meet while at FGCU to receive admission to the USF Medical School?**

Students in the FGCU/USF Medical Education Program must complete all USF and FGCU curriculum requirements, in addition students must:

- Maintain a 3.5 GPA at the completion of the first year of college
- Maintain a 3.6 GPA at the completion of the second year
- Maintain a 3.7 GPA at the completion of the third year (and fourth year)
- Successful completion of a Medical School interview after the first year of college
- Provide two letters of recommendation at the end of the first year in college
- Achieve an MCAT score of 30 (with at least an 8 per section)

▪ **When is the application deadline?**

The application deadline is April 1 of each year.

• **Do you have an early admission application? How soon after my application is completed would I receive an admissions notification?**

We do not have an early admission deadline. However, students are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. Once your application packet is completed (photo, fee, transcripts, essay, etc) it is submitted to the University of South Florida College of Medicine for evaluation. In most cases a decision is mailed in about two or three weeks after the April 1st deadline.

• **I think I am interested in the Accelerated 3+4 Pre-Medicine concentration, but I am not sure, can I change my mind later on.**

Yes, you may change your mind about pursuing the accelerated track. Students may elect to decelerate and pursue the 4+4 track at any point prior to October 31st of the third year at FGCU.

• **I have taken several AP exams while in High School, will my AP credits count in this program.**

Depending on your score you may receive credit hours for your AP exams. Your test results could fulfill certain University Core Curriculum Requirements. You will receive one-on-one advising about how your courses will count during orientation.

• **Where is the University of South Florida College of Medicine located?**

The University of South Florida (USF) College of Medicine is located in Tampa, Florida. You can find more information about the University of South Florida and its Medical School at <http://hsc.usf.edu/medicine/>.