

FGCU/USF Medical Education Program FAQs

The following are answers to common questions from parents, students and advisors about the BS/MD Medical Education Program. If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Pre-Medical Professions at (239) 590-7481 or via email at jwilson@fgcu.edu. Additional information may be found online at <http://www.fgcu.edu/CAS/BiologyBS/medicaleducation.html>.

▪ **What are the benefits of participation in the program?**

FGCU's program is unique in the benefits and opportunities it offers its students, including:

- Scholarship for all accepted students
- Priority registration at FGCU
- Seminar courses
- MCAT preparation
- Assistance in obtaining community and clinical volunteer experience
- Personalized faculty advising

▪ **Who is eligible to participate in this program? What are the requirements for admission to the FGCU/USF Medical Education Program?**

- ✓ Enrolled first year FGCU student
- ✓ Florida Residency
- ✓ US citizen or permanent resident
- ✓ SAT score of 1300 (combined critical reading and math scores only) or ACT composite of 29
- ✓ High school graduate
- ✓ Unweighted high school GPA of 3.7
- ✓ FGCU GPA of not less than 3.5 at completion of the first year
- ✓ Completion of the FGCU/USF Medical Education Program application form with one letter of recommendation by May 15

▪ **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.

▪ **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 University of South Florida (USF) College of Medicine. Students must have both a 1300 SAT (combined critical reading and math only) or ACT composite of 29 and an unweighted high school GPA of at least 3.7.

▪ **What requirements must I meet while at FGCU to receive final admission to the USF College of Medicine?**

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

- ✓ FGCU GPA of not less than 3.5 at completion of the first year
- ✓ FGCU GPA of not less than 3.6 at completion of the second year
- ✓ FGCU GPA of not less than 3.7 at completion of third year
- ✓ MCAT taken at the end of the second year at FGCU with a minimum score of 30, and with no individual score less than 8. MCAT needs to be taken at a time such that scores are available by August 1 of the year of application.
- ✓ Completion of application to USF College of Medicine using the AMCAS Early Decision process no later than June 15 following the second year. This is for matriculation after the third year at FGCU.
- ✓ Interview at USF College of Medicine fall of the third year at FGCU as a part of the Early Decision process.
- ✓ Completion of all FGCU requirements for conferral of Bachelor of Science Biology degree

▪ **When is the application deadline?**

The application deadline is **May 15** 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 early admission or rolling admission to the program. However, students are encouraged to make contact with the Office of Pre-Medical Professions at jwilson@fgcu.edu to notify of intent to submit an application. The application can be submitted anytime in the spring semester, but a final FGCU transcript including the spring semester grades needs to be submitted before the deadline. Once your application packet is completed (photo, fee, transcripts, essay, etc) and received by the FGCU Office of Pre-Professional Advising, 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 May 15 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 enrolled at FGCU have the opportunity to elect any major and pursue their education.

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

FGCU awards university credit in accordance with state guidelines for exam scores in subject areas and appears on your FGCU transcript. These courses can fulfill university requirements. You received advising about how your courses count during freshman 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/>.