

# Admissions & Student Affairs *The atmosphere here is professional yet personal.*



## **Student Selection Requirements**

[www.siumed/studentaffairs/admissions](http://www.siumed/studentaffairs/admissions)

- Must be a U.S. citizen or a foreign citizen with a permanent resident visa
- Must be a legal resident of Illinois at the time of application submission
- At least 90 semester hours of undergraduate work from an accredited U.S. or Canadian degree-granting college or university. Preference is given to those who will have earned a baccalaureate degree by the time of matriculation and who have sufficient recent academic activity to demonstrate their potential for success.
- Applicants with foreign credits must have completed at least 60 semester hours of course work in the United States
- Must meet the minimum grade point average requirements
- Must meet the minimum Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) requirements

**D**uring their years at SIU, students undergo educational experiences which not only prepare them for their chosen careers, but also encourage them to develop close associations with their classmates and the faculty. The small class size, excellent student/faculty ratio and collegial spirit of cooperation at the School create an atmosphere that encourages a style of interaction that is highly professional, yet warm and personal. The impact of this approach affects the quality of student life in every aspect including counseling, advising and financial aid.

### **Selection Factors**

Applicants are selected for interview according to their strengths in academics, extracurricular activities, employment and volunteer experiences, in addition to place of residence. Preference is given to central and southern Illinois residents and to those from rural, inner-city or disadvantaged backgrounds. Selected applicants are required to interview.

The Admissions Committee looks beyond proven scholastic ability for evidence of responsibility, maturity, integrity, compassion, proper motivation, identification with the goals of the School, exploration of medicine as a career, service orientation and good interpersonal skills. Meeting the admission requirements does not ensure admission, as the School is limited to admitting 72 freshmen. Although the committee uses no quotas, active efforts are made to recruit qualified applicants from groups traditionally under-represented in the medical profession.

### **Nondiscriminatory Policy**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, disability or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan program or other School-administered programs.

### **Office of Student Affairs**

[www.siumed.edu/studentaffairs](http://www.siumed.edu/studentaffairs)

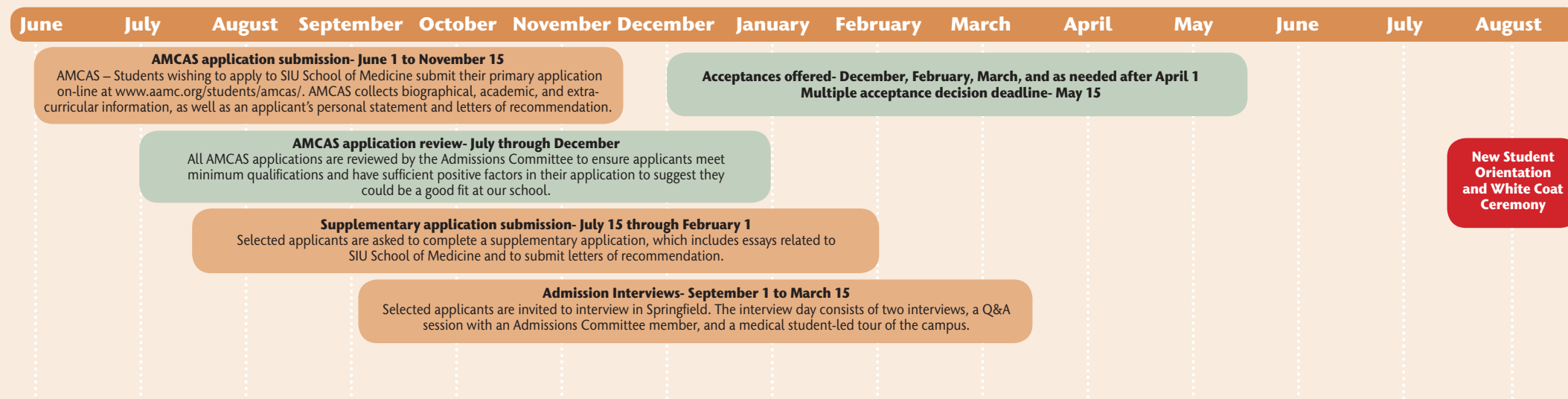
Students will interact frequently with Student Affairs staff from the time they apply to the School through graduation and beyond. The office handles new student admissions and current student issues like registration, financial aid, residency applications, student activities and career counseling.

### **Tuition and Fees / Financial Assistance**

[www.siumed.edu/financialaid.html](http://www.siumed.edu/financialaid.html)

The types and amount of tuition and fees charged to students are established by the Board of Trustees and are subject to change. A current tuition and fee schedule is available on the website. Nearly all SIU School of Medicine students receive some form of financial aid. Financial need is determined by completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The financial aid office provides short-term emergency loans as well as loan indebtedness counseling and assistance with securing loans and scholarships.

# Admissions Process Timeline



## Student Organizations

[www.siumed.edu/students](http://www.siumed.edu/students)

Involvement in national organizations encourages the exchange of ideas, information and discussion of health care issues. Students may participate in the American Medical Student Association, the Student National Medical Association, the Latino Midwest Medical Student Association, the American Medical Women's Association, the Medical Student Section of the American Medical Association, and state and county medical societies. A chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society was established in 1985.

The Medical Student Assembly serves the student body as an advocate group for student interests. Medical students also serve as voting members on a full range of University and School of Medicine committees including Graduate and Professional Student Council, Admissions, Student Progress, Curriculum and Educational Policy.

## Community Service Opportunities

Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of community service opportunities while on both campuses. Common service projects include mentoring local school students, donating time to local social service agencies or participating in public awareness events.

## Counseling

Counseling services are available for all medical students, with an emphasis on academic and personal counseling for students with special needs.

## Office of Alumni Affairs

[www.siumed.edu/alumni/](http://www.siumed.edu/alumni/)

Activities, services and programs are developed for the School's alumni with assistance from the Alumni Society's Board of Governors. Activities and services include the HOSTS (Helping Our Students To Succeed) program that connects alumni with fourth year medical students while students are interviewing for residencies, the Alumni News section in the School's *Aspects* magazine, communication through social media and the alumni Web site, assistance with the annual Alumni Fund Campaign, class reunions and other social events for alumni and students. For further information, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs. Illinois Practice Opportunities, an online placement service, is available to alumni and residents through its website at [www.siumed.edu/practice\\_ops/](http://www.siumed.edu/practice_ops/).

## Technical Standards for Admission

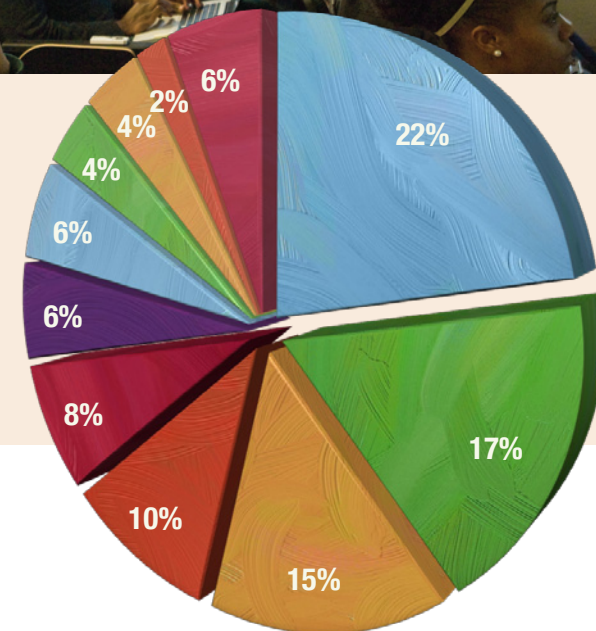
Students graduating from the School of Medicine must be able to meet the physical and emotional requirements of the academic program as set forth below. **A candidate should have the ability to:**

- Communicate effectively in order to elicit and provide information;
- Perceive, interpret and communicate various aspects of physical examination, including palpation, auscultation and percussion;
- Learn to interpret basic laboratory tests;
- Learn to interpret diagnostic procedures (e.g., venipuncture, lumbar puncture and arterial puncture);
- Learn to interpret EKGs and X-rays;
- Execute motor movements sufficient to perform a physical exam and provide emergency care to patients;
- Compare quantitative and qualitative differences to reason, analyze and synthesize and to problem solve;
- Exercise good judgment;
- Promptly complete all responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients;
- Develop mature, sensitive and effective relationships with patients;
- Function effectively under stress;
- Adapt to changing environments;
- Demonstrate compassion, integrity, interpersonal skills, interest and motivation;
- Comprehend three-dimensional relationships; and
- Demonstrate the emotional health required for full utilization of intellectual abilities.



As of May 2011, nearly 2,400 students have earned the M.D. degree at SIU School of Medicine. Those graduates in practice are pursuing a variety of medical careers:

- Family Medicine 22%
- Internal Medicine 17%
- Surgery 15%
- Pediatrics 10%
- Emergency Medicine 8%
- Psychiatry 6%
- Obstetrics and Gynecology 6%
- Radiology 4%
- Anesthesiology 4%
- Pathology 2%
- Other 6%



### SIU graduates are practicing in these Illinois communities:

Alton	Chatham	Edwardsville	Greenville	Lawrenceville	Morris	Oregon	Rockford	Urbana
Anna	Chester	Effingham	Hardin	Lincoln	Morrison	Pana	Roscoe	Vandalia
Belleville	Chicago and suburbs	Eldorado	Harrisburg	Litchfield	Morton	Pekin	Salem	Vienna
Benton	Chillicothe	El Paso	Havana	Macomb	Mt. Carmel	Peoria	Sandwich	Washington
Bloomington	Christopher	Eureka	Herrin	Mahomet	Mt. Carroll	Peru	Shelbyville	Waterloo
Bradley	Clinton	Fairbury	Herscher	Manchester	Mt. Pulaski	Petersburg	Shiloh	Watseka
Breese	Collinsville	Fairfield	Highland	Marion	Mt. Sterling	Pinckneyville	Sparta	West Frankfort
Canton	Coulterville	Forrest	Hillsboro	Maryville	Mt. Vernon	Pittsfield	Springfield	Wilmington
Carbondale	Danville	Forsyth	Jacksonville	Mascoutah	Mt. Zion	Pontiac	Spring Valley	Woodstock
Carlinsville	Davis Junction	Freeburg	Jerseyville	Mattoon	Murphysboro	Quincy	St. Charles	
Carmi	Decatur	Freeport	Joliet	Metropolis	New Baden	Red Bud	Sterling	
Carrollton	DeKalb	Galesburg	Kankakee	Mokena	Normal	Roanoke	Swansea	
Champaign	Dixon	Glen Carbon	Knoxville	Moline	O'Fallon	Robinson	Taylorville	
Charleston		Granite City	LaSalle	Monticello	Olney	Rochelle	Troy	

## SIU School of Medicine Quick Facts [www.siumed.edu/news/quickfacts](http://www.siumed.edu/news/quickfacts)

- **288 medical students; 293 residents and fellows**
- **Nearly 1 to 1 student to faculty ratio**
- **More than 220 active research projects**
- **100% of medical students are residents of Illinois**
- **More than 533,000 patient visits served annually by SIU HealthCare**
- **177 clinical service sites in 55 Illinois communities**
- **72 medical students enroll each year**

### **M.D.-J.D. Degree Program**

[www.siumed.edu/medhum/mdjdprog.htm](http://www.siumed.edu/medhum/mdjdprog.htm)

Recognizing the heightened level of interaction between medicine, law and health policy, SIU's Schools of Medicine and Law offer an M.D.-J.D. dual-degree program to accommodate the increasing number of individuals seeking a carefully structured, interdisciplinary education. The program leads to the awarding of degrees in medicine and law at the completion of a unique six-year program of academic and clinical study.

Students seeking to enroll in the M.D.-J.D. program are required to meet admission standards established by the School of Medicine and the School of Law. Students are admitted separately to each of these schools, filling a limited number of places available in the program. Students must apply concurrently to both schools for admission.

### **MEDPREP**

[www.siumed.edu/medprep/](http://www.siumed.edu/medprep/)

The Medical/Dental Education Preparatory Program (MEDPREP) was established in 1972. It provides assistance to educationally and economically disadvantaged students in preparing for and achieving success in health professions schools. The program operates on a year-round basis, beginning in June of each year.



*Dr. Erik J. Constance, associate dean for student affairs*

MEDPREP participants enroll as regular SIU Carbondale students pursuing a special preprofessional certificate. About 70 students participate in the program annually. Participation in MEDPREP does not guarantee admission to SIU School of Medicine or any other medical school, but there is an alliance program with the SIU medical school that allows acceptance under certain conditions.

Students prepare their academic plans through consultation with MEDPREP advisors and participation in courses such as an orientation seminar and learning skills. The curriculum includes science review courses, basic skills classes and advanced enrichment courses in biology. In addition, MEDPREP's status within the School of Medicine provides enrolled students with unique experiences and courses not usually available to preprofessional students.

Applicants must submit a completed MEDPREP application and official transcripts from all colleges attended unless transcripts are on file at SIUC. Also required are two letters of recommendation or a preprofessional committee evaluation letter. Early application is strongly recommended.