

**Miami Comprehensive Model for  
Health Professions Education Programs**

**MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST  
(MCAT) PREPARATION PROGRAM**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

The University of Miami Miller School of Medicine is the oldest and largest medical school in the State of Florida. Founded in 1952 with just 28 students, the school's enrollment now exceeds 750 students on two campuses. The main medical campus is located in Miami at the University of Miami / Jackson Memorial Hospital Medical Center, one of the largest and busiest health care centers in the nation. The regional campus is located at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL.

The Miller School of Medicine, with a faculty of more than 1300 physicians, educators and scientists, is committed to excellence in education, health care, research and community service. The medical center offers a comprehensive educational opportunity and an outstanding learning environment for medical students. The school also has a long-standing commitment to enlarging the pool of qualified under-represented minorities and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who are interested in pursuing medicine as a career. For more than 30 years, the school has sponsored minority student programs that have helped hundreds of students achieve their career goal of entering medical school and other health professions.

**MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TEST PREPARATION PROGRAM**

The goal of the Medical College Admissions Test Preparation Program, offered in collaboration with the UM Area Health Education Center (AHEC), is to help minority and disadvantaged pre-medical students prepare for the MCAT. The program includes class lectures covering the content found on the Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Verbal Reasoning components of the test. Lectures also help prepare students for the written portion of the MCAT.

As part of the program, participants will receive advice on study and test-taking strategies. Seminars will be offered to provide students advice about the process of applying to medical school and completing applications. Students will also be given the opportunity to shadow physicians at one of UM/JMH teaching hospitals.

The 2009 program will run from Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 through Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants for the MCAT Preparation Program must have completed requisite courses for admission to most medical schools: one year each of English; Biology with laboratory; general chemistry with laboratory; organic chemistry with laboratory; and physics with laboratory. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to take the MCAT in August or September 2009 and apply to medical school during the upcoming academic year. Applicants must have a minimum science and cumulative grade point average of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale.

Each applicant who is accepted to the program must sign an agreement that he or she will register for the August or September 2009 administration of the MCAT and provide proof of same before the course is completed. There is no tuition for the course. However, accepted students must pay a refundable deposit of \$75.00 before enrolling

in the program. The deposit will be forfeited if the student does not show proof of registration for MCAT or does not demonstrate satisfactory effort in the course. Satisfactory effort and progress in the course will be determined by the program director.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Application forms can be obtained from the Office of Minority Affairs by calling 305-243-5998 or they can be downloaded [here](#).

Completed application forms must be sent to the director of the program and must be accompanied by:

- (1) one letter of recommendation from a pre-health advisor / college professor
- (2) official academic transcript(s)
- (3) wallet-size photograph

The completed application must be received in the Office of Minority Affairs no later than **May 15th, 2009**. Up to twenty-five (25) students will be accepted each year. Applications completed by the deadline will be screened by an admissions committee and will be evaluated based on the following:

- (1) Academic achievement sufficient to be competitive for medical school admission.
- (2) Evidence from the application and personal statement that the applicant has attributes considered to be desirable in medical school applicants, such as maturity, leadership, altruism, compassion, and good communication skills.
- (3) Extracurricular activities such as health care experiences, community service, research, or employment.
- (4) Preference is given to applicants from diverse and/or disadvantaged backgrounds.

Accepted applicants will be notified of their selection by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact us!

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