

TEXAS MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION SERVICE
Policies and Procedures for Processing Applications
for the Entering Class of 2006
To Be Reviewed by TMDSAS Advisory Committee – March 28, 2006

An applicant must apply through the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS) to be eligible for acceptance into participating medical, dental or veterinary school exceptions to this policy are as follows:

- The Dental Schools may also accept applications from non-Texas residents through the Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS), but all Texas resident applicants must apply through TMDSAS.
- The medical schools at U. T. Southwestern Medical Center, U. T. Medical Branch at Galveston and U. T. Houston Health Science Center also accept applications through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) for MD/PhD program applicants only.

All Non-TMDSAS applicants accepted will be added to the TMDSAS applicant database for statistical and reporting purposes.

- Earliest Date to begin filing an application to medical, dental or veterinary school is May 1, 2005.
- The Dental Schools begin extending offers of acceptance on December 1, 2005.
- The Veterinary School begins extending offers of acceptance after March 1, 2006 with decisions to be received no later than April 15, 2006.
- Applicants who will receive the initial medical school offers of acceptance will be selected through the Medical School Matching Process, and, except as noted below, applicants will be notified on February 1, 2006. Additional offers may be made on a rolling admission basis through the start of orientation at each medical school.
- After June 15, no medical school in Texas may offer a position to an applicant already accepted by another medical school in Texas. This is the result of an agreement between the four U.T. System Medical Schools, Baylor College of Medicine, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, and the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. Only extraordinary circumstances warrant an exception to this policy. If this should occur, the Dean/Director of Admissions at the school desiring to extend an offer must receive approval from the Dean/Director of Admissions at the school where the applicant is holding a position BEFORE the offer is extended.
- Individual match results will be posted on the TMDSAS website on February 1, 2006. Formal acceptance letters will be mailed by the respective schools on a date agreed upon by all participating schools.
- The Medical School Matching Process applies to admissions into MD and DO programs **only** at all participating institutions.

- Formal offers of acceptance to non-Texas resident applicants may be issued anytime after October 15, 2005.
- Formal offers of acceptance to participants in any special or assured admission program of a participating medical school may be issued anytime after October 15, 2005. A participating school may withdraw an assured acceptance agreement from an applicant who applies to other participating schools.
- Formal offers of acceptance may be extended outside the Match to the following applicants:
 1. Applicants to the formal **Early Decision Program** at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine or UNTHSC-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
 2. Non-Texas Residents
 3. Applicants to the combined **MD/PhD, DO/PhD, MD/MBA** or **OMS/MD** programs at all participating institutions
- A participating institution may extend offers of acceptance into its combined **MD/PhD, DO/PhD** or **MD/MBA** programs any time between October 15, 2005 and the beginning of the time of orientation. See above policy regarding offers extended after June 15. Participating institutions have agreed to periodically provide lists of applicants accepted into combined programs to the other participating schools.
- An **MD/PhD, DO/PhD** or **MD/MBA** applicant who receives offers of admission from more than one participating school must choose the one school that he/she prefers and withdraw from the other school(s) in accordance with the terms of the acceptance. Failure to follow this policy may result in withdrawal of acceptance from any of the participating schools.
- Applicants to the combined **MD/PhD, DO/PhD** or **MD/MBA** programs who have not received an offer of acceptance to a **combined** program before January 15, 2006, may participate in the matching process to be eligible for acceptance into an **MD** or **DO** only program at participating medical schools. These applicants, even if accepted into an **MD** or **DO** only program, may still be accepted into a combined **MD/PhD, DO/PhD** or **MD/MBA** program at any participating school should an offer be extended before June 15, 2006.
- Only the most unusual of circumstances justify an applicant's holding a place in the entering class of more than one U.S. school more than **two weeks** since this may adversely affect other applicants. The schools therefore reserve the right to withdraw offers of acceptance to individuals who hold places for longer periods without specific authorization from the schools involved.
- There is a five-year time limitation for MCAT and DAT scores to be considered valid. Scores from tests taken before April 15, 2001 will not be accepted for the 2006 entry year application cycle. Up to the last three test scores received by the TMDSAS are transmitted to the participating schools to which the applicant is applying. The best score reported is the official score used on all reports prepared by TMDSAS.
- Only the new format of the GRE (effective October 2002) is considered for veterinary school applications. GRE scores from tests taken before October 2002 under the old format will not be

considered. The GRE must have been taken within the previous five years from the entering year.

- The deadline and important dates for the Entry Year 2006 application cycle are as follows:

Deadlines:

August 1, 2005: Submit application to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine or UNTHSC-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Early Decision Program. Certification page, fees and photos must be received by August 10, 2005.

October 1, 2005: Submit Veterinary School applications. Certification page, fees and photos must be received by October 10, 2005. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

October 15, 2005: Submit Medical School Applications. Certification page, fees and photos must be received by October 25, 2005. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

October 15, 2005: Submit Dental School Applications. Certification page, fees and photos must be received by October 25, 2005. Submission by August 31st is strongly encouraged.

October 15, 2005: Date by which supporting documents (transcripts, letters of recommendation and test scores) should be received by TMDSAS to be routinely considered in evaluation process by the schools. Applications not complete by October 15 may not receive full consideration.

January 15, 2006: Medical School applicants submit via the web the final ranking of schools at which interviewed.

Important Dates:

August 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005: Most interviews are held during this time period.

October 1, 2005: Date by which Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine and UNTHSC-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Early Decision Program applicants are notified of admission action.

October 15, 2005: Recommended date for receipt of supporting documents, transcripts, letters of evaluation and test scores.

December 1, 2005: Dental Schools begin extending offers of acceptance. (Rolling admissions continue through date of matriculation)

January 15, 2006: Medical school applicants and Medical Schools submit rank listings for admissions Match.

February 1, 2006: Medical School Match results released. (Rolling admissions continues through start of orientation at each medical school.)

March 1, 2006: Veterinary School begins extending offers of acceptance. (Rolling admissions continue through date of matriculation)

April 15, 2006: Decisions from Veterinary School offers of acceptance must be received.

- The attached Prescribed Course Criteria used to evaluate the applicants Record of College of Work was approved by the TMDSAS Advisory Committee on March 30, 2005 and is applicable to all participating schools.
- Each participating school's policy regarding foreign course work is stated in the FOREIGN COURSE WORK section of the TMDSAS webpage.
- The application filing fee payable to Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service is determined by the applicant's residency status and the number of schools to which he/she is applying. The fee schedule is stated in the FILING FEE section of the General Instructions.
- Assessment and collection of additional secondary application fees will be the sole responsibility of the participating school assessing the fee.
- Policies regarding applicant responsibilities in the application process are stated in the Applicant Information, General Instructions, Matching Program and MD/PhD Applicant Information documents available on the application website.

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