



Penn State Premedical-Medical Program

IN COOPERATION WITH
SIDNEY KIMMEL MEDICAL COLLEGE AT
THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY

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The Penn State Premedical-Medical (PMM) Program is an accelerated seven-year program with three years of undergraduate study at Penn State followed by four years at the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

The program began in 1963 and, since then, more than 1,000 students have earned their B.S./M.D. degrees through this cooperative program.

Each year 25 – 30 first-year students enroll in PMM and begin their studies at Penn State's University Park campus. Students earn their Penn State B.S. degree after the first year of medical school, and the Sidney Kimmel M.D. degree is awarded after the fourth year of medical school.

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE AT science.psu.edu/premedmed**

25-30

PMM STUDENTS

ENROLL EACH YEAR

1,000+

PMM B.S./M.D.

DEGREES AWARDED

\$975

MILLION

IN RESEARCH ANNUALLY

AT PENN STATE

Admission Requirements

In order to be considered in the initial review process for this rigorous academic program, you must:

- Decide if you would like your SAT/ACT scores included in the evaluation for admission to the PMM program. Penn State is test-option through fall 2023.
- **If you plan to submit test scores:** Please note the previous requirements were 1470 or higher on the SAT (Math plus Evidence Based Reading and Writing), or a composite score of 32 or higher on the ACT. All qualifying scores must be earned from a single test date. Scores must arrive at Penn State by the November 1 deadline. Penn State no longer requires a writing score from the SAT or ACT.
- Complete at least four secondary school units of English; two units of algebra; one unit of geometry; one-half unit of trigonometry, precalculus, or calculus; three units of science; two units of a single world language; and three units of social studies, humanities, and/or the arts.
- **Be in your senior year and applying for first-year admission.** Students who have already graduated high school are not eligible. International students and out-of-state students are eligible to apply.
- Submit your application and the program's additional required materials by **November 1** of your senior year.

**Applicants to this program are not eligible for Early Action consideration and there is no wait-list for the program.*

PMM STUDENT PROFILE

PMM application/admission figures for fall 2021

APPLICATIONS: 901

OFFERED ADMISSION: 40

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 4.4%

Average values of students selected for an interview for fall 2021 admission (for estimating purposes only)

COMPOSITE ACT 36

**SAT TEST* 1570
EVIDENCE-BASED READING
AND WRITING + MATH**

HIGH SCHOOL GPA 3.94
(unweighted 4.0 Scale)

**Score is based on a 1600-point scale. This chart in no way represents a promise or guarantee of admission.*

Getting Started

APPLYING TO PMM

A complete application must be received by Undergraduate Admissions no later than **November 1** of your senior year. Applications completed after this date will not be considered for PMM.

The Penn State application will be available online at admissions.psu.edu starting **August 1**. To consider your application complete, we need your:

- Online application accessed through either MyPennState, the Coalition or the Common App;
- Self-Reported Academic Record from grades 9 through 11;
- Schedule of senior year courses;
- Test optional: Students have the option to submit official SAT/ACT test scores, sent by either the College Board or ACT;
- One page résumé listing your most meaningful high school accomplishments and extracurricular activities (this information can be submitted through the activities section on the application or sent to the Penn State Undergraduate Admissions Office separately);
- One letter of evaluation from your high school counselor or teacher on school letterhead (this information can be uploaded via the Common Application by school counselors or sent directly to the Penn State Undergraduate Admissions Office);
- Paid application fee;
- Required responses to questions from Sidney Kimmel Medical College available within the online application.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

Decisions are made during a three-part review process by Penn State Undergraduate Admissions and the Penn State-Kimmel Joint Admissions Committee.

1. Applicants must meet the baseline admission requirements previously listed and have a completed application by **November 1** to be initially reviewed for PMM. All applications will be evaluated after November 1.
2. After the preliminary review, approximately 80 – 100 top candidates are invited by late December to the interview phase of the evaluation at Sidney Kimmel.
3. Finalists will participate in a mandatory in-person interview at Sidney Kimmel in **mid-January**, resulting in 50 – 60 offers of admission. There is no waitlist for PMM interviews.

Students will be notified via MyPennState if they have been admitted to PMM in **mid-February**.

Applicants who do not advance at any stage of the review process will automatically be evaluated for admission to a four-year degree program in the Eberly College of Science at the University Park campus.

Decisions for the four-year degree plan will be made by late-December. Interview finalists who are not offered admission to PMM are guaranteed an offer to the Eberly College of Science at the University Park campus.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

PMM students have a similar schedule to premedicine students in the traditional four-year Penn State baccalaureate program.

PMM students are expected to perform at an A/B level in all courses, much like all students are expected to do if they hope to pursue a career in medicine.

Students not performing at a 3.5 level (on a 4.0 scale), particularly in the sciences, could be asked to withdraw from the program. Typically, the student would be eligible to remain at Penn State in another program of study.

Satisfactory performance on MCAT exams is required for enrollment to Sidney Kimmel. The MCAT requirements for the most recent entering cohort is as follows:

- A composite score of 508 or more;
- A minimum of 127 in each of these three subsections: Chemistry & Physical Foundations of Biological Systems, Biological & Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems, and Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior;
- A minimum of 126 in the CARS subsection

For matriculating to SKMC Jefferson in summer of program year #3, the MCAT must be taken no later than the last testing date of March that year. Retaking the MCAT is allowed to meet the PMM Program benchmark; the required score set must be met within five years of enrolling in the program. Students admitted to majors at Penn State other than PMM are not eligible for admission into the program at a later date. Transfer admission into this program is also not available.

TUITION AND COST

While attending Penn State, students pay the regular University tuition rate (tuition.psu.edu). Once enrolled at the Medical College, students pay the regular Sidney Kimmel Medical College rate (jefferson.edu/tuition).

The Eberly College of Science at Penn State

Penn State, founded in 1855, is one of the nation's leading public universities. With 20 undergraduate campuses, it is also one of the world's largest universities, enrolling more than 100,000 students and employing more than 19,000 full-time faculty and staff.

Penn State is a comprehensive university with a mission of teaching, public service, and research that offers more than 275 baccalaureate degree programs. The University Park campus, located in central Pennsylvania, is the largest Penn State campus, with nearly 46,000 undergraduate and graduate students. With more than \$975 million spent per year on research activities, Penn State is recognized as one of the top research universities in the country.

In addition to strong departments in mathematical, physical, and life sciences, the Eberly College of Science works with other Penn State colleges in research centers and consortia, including the Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics and the Fuel Cell Dynamics and Diagnostics Laboratory. Within the college, there are centers and institutes such as the Center for Biomolecular Structure and Function, the Institute of Molecular Evolutionary Genetics, and the Center for Multivariate Analysis as well as highly advanced computing facilities.

Learn more about the Eberly College of Science at science.psu.edu.

ADDITIONAL PATHS TO MEDICAL SCHOOL

The PMM program is not your only Penn State option if you want to pursue a career in medicine.

While actual numbers vary from year to year, about 60-75 percent of all Penn State students accepted to medical school have completed a major in the Eberly College of Science. General Science and Biology are the most popular majors, while Premedicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Microbiology, and Chemistry have also been successful Eberly College of Science avenues to medical school.

Learn more at science.psu.edu/interdisciplinary-programs/premedicine/frequently-asked-questions.



Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

Sidney Kimmel Medical College, formerly Jefferson Medical College, founded in 1824, has conferred more M.D. degrees than any other medical college in the United States. The school is one of the most diverse in the country, with students accepted each year from more than 100 different colleges and universities.

The medical college is situated on a 13-acre urban campus in Center City Philadelphia. Buildings in the six-square-block area include faculty and administrative offices, research laboratories, lecture rooms, the Scott Memorial Library, residence halls, one outpatient short procedure building, and three hospital buildings.

The Gibbon Building is an innovative, nine-story hospital, housing four, 100-bed mini-hospitals, each with its own diagnostic and therapeutic facilities. Included in the hospital is the Bodine Center for Radiation Therapy, one of the most modern radiation therapy facilities in the world. The Bluemle Life Sciences Building provides dedicated research and laboratory space, and the Dorrance H. Hamilton Building includes state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities that promote collaborative team-based learning.

Thomas Jefferson University offers a combined M.D./Ph.D. program for students who wish to prepare for a career in academic medicine and/or biomedical research. The University also offers a joint M.D./M.P.H. program with Jefferson College of Population Health for students preparing for a career in the promotion and protection of human health. A joint five-year M.D./M.B.A. and M.H.A. program with Widener University or University of Delaware is offered to students interested in preparing for leadership roles in the changing medical environment. The medical college's nationally recognized Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP) is designed to recruit and educate medical students who intend to enter family medicine and practice in rural areas. All of these aforementioned programs are open to qualified PMM students enrolled at Sidney Kimmel Medical College.

Learn more about Sidney Kimmel Medical College at jefferson.edu/skmc.



31,000+
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SIDNEY KIMMEL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2020)

- The student body represents 31 states and 5 countries from 94 undergraduate institutions
- Women: 50%, Men: 50%
- Mean age: 23 (ranging from 20-35)
- Mean MCAT score: 514 (with median averages of 129 on subsections except for 127 in CARS)

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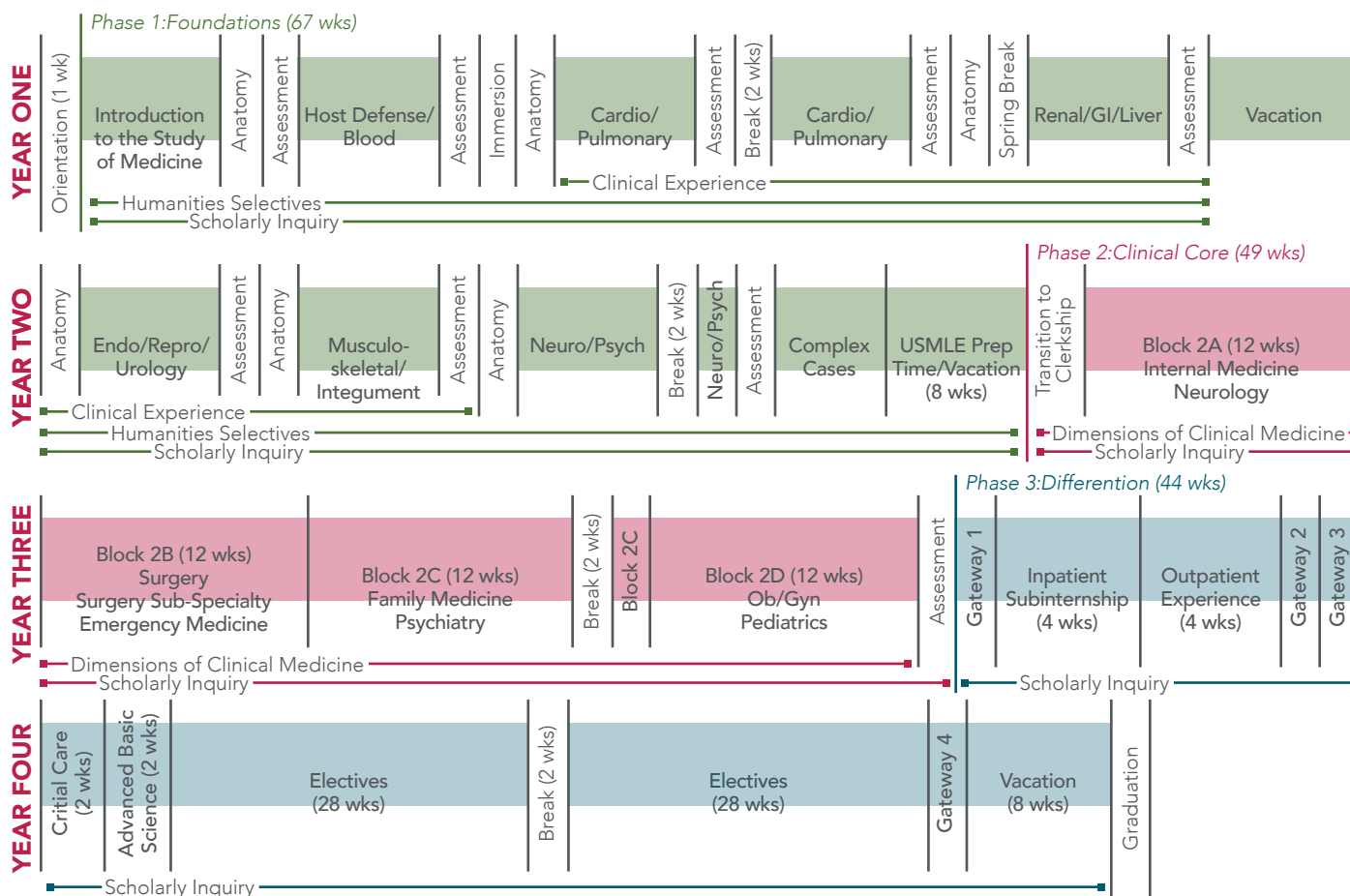
PENN STATE COMPONENT, 96 CREDITS

YEAR ONE				YEAR TWO				YEAR THREE			
Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Calculus I	4	Gen Chem II	3	Org Chem I	3	Physics I	4	Physics II	4	Physics III	4
Gen Bio I	4	Chem Lab II	1	Gen Bio II	4	Org Chem II	3	English II	3	Gen Ed	3
Gen Chem I	3	Calculus II	4	Gen Bio II	3	Org Chem Lab	2	Nutrition	3	Gen Ed	3
Chem Lab I	1	Bio Elective	3	Speech	3	Elective	3	Gen Ed	3	Elective	6
Gen Ed	3	English I	3	Elective	3	Gen Ed	3	Elective	3		
First-Year Seminar	1	Elective	3								16
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General Education (Gen Ed): Arts, Humanities, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Credits should be distributed with 6 in each area for a total of 18. General Education requirements include two courses of Integrative Studies linking disciplines.

Biology elective and free electives must be approved by program director. With approval, these credits may include independent study/research work. There is no acceleration to Sidney Kimmel a year early, regardless of any test or dual enrollment credit a student may bring with them to Penn State.

SIDNEY KIMMEL COMPONENT



PENN STATE RESOURCES

Undergraduate Admissions
814-865-5471
admissions.psu.edu

Eberly College of Science
814-865-2609
science.psu.edu

Student Disability Resources
814-863-1807
(voice or TTY)*
equity.psu.edu/ods

Housing
814-865-7543
hfs.psu.edu

International Student Advising
814-865-6348
global.psu.edu

Multicultural Resource Center
814-865-1773
equity.psu.edu/mrc

Student Activities
814-863-4624
studentaffairs.psu.edu

Student Aid
(financial aid and scholarships)
814-865-6301
studentaid.psu.edu

JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

Admissions
215-955-6983
jefferson.edu/skmc

Student Affairs & Career Counseling
215-503-6988
jefferson.edu/university/skmc/student-resources/student-affairs.html

Housing & Residence Life
215-955-8913
jefferson.edu/university/housing

Student Life & Engagement
215-503-7743
jefferson.edu/university/student-life-engagement.html

Student Financial Aid
215-955-2867
jefferson.edu/financial_aid

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application for PMM is available online at admissions.psu.edu on **August 1**.

The application deadline for PMM is **November 1**. No rolling admission.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my Advanced Placement credits shorten my time at Penn State?

No. The PMM curriculum requires three years at Penn State plus the first year of the medical curriculum successfully completed to earn your B.S. degree.

Can I simultaneously apply to the Schreyer Honors College?

Yes, but if offered admission to PMM and the Schreyer Honors College, only one offer can be accepted.

Can I do research or study abroad as a PMM student?

Yes to both! You can arrange research opportunities directly with faculty members who are conducting research in your areas of interest and choose from more than 50 countries to study abroad.

Can I add an academic minor in another area of interest?

Yes, many PMM students add a minor, and it is encouraged by the program.

Do all PMM students complete the program?

Typically, several students of each entering cohort do not meet the MCAT and/or PMM academic performance levels. Subsequent advising is tailored to each student's situation and goals. Sometimes a PMM student changes their career objective but, overall, most students are successful in the program.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PMM AT science.psu.edu/premedmed



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