

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much does it cost to apply to the Postbaccalaureate Program?

A: There is no cost to apply and you can apply to all of the UC programs using the same online application found at <https://health.ucdavis.edu/postbacc-consortium/>.

Q: What time is the application due on the deadline date?

A: The online application must be submitted along with all supporting materials (transcripts, letters of recommendation) by 11:59 pm Pacific Time on the deadline date. Applications are considered "complete status" only when **all** of your supplemental documents have been received and uploaded by the central administrative office at UC Davis.

Q: Who do I contact for technical issues with my online application?

A: The UC Postbaccalaureate Program central administrative office at UC Davis at pbcentraladmin@ucdavis.edu

Q: Who do I contact for any issues regarding my supplemental application materials (letters of recommendation and official transcripts)?

A: The UC Postbaccalaureate Program central administrative office at UC Davis at pbcentraladmin@ucdavis.edu

Q: Where do I send my official transcripts to?

A: Send official E-transcripts directly to the UC Postbaccalaureate Program central administrative office at UC Davis at pbcentraladmin@ucdavis.edu or through Interfolio. Please note that we will not accept transcripts directly from applicants; they must be sent through a third party or the official institution.

Applicants may also send official transcripts (hard-copy) via mail directly to:
UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium
UC Davis School of Medicine
4610 X Street, Suite 4101
Sacramento, CA 95817

*Please note that the central office may take up to 10 business days to process your transcripts regardless of electronic or mail delivery.

Q: Who do you consider to be a “re-applicant”?

A: Re-applicants are defined as those who applied to a US medical school but were not granted admission. First-time applicants are students who have not applied to medical school.

Q: When is my application considered “complete” and ready to be reviewed?

A: Applications are considered “complete” status only when **all** of their supplemental documents have been received and uploaded by the central administrative office at UC Davis.

*Re-applicants will also need to submit a VERIFIED copy of their AMCAS or AACOMAS medical school application.

Q: How can I check the status of my supporting documents and see if they have been received?

A: Log-in to your online application. Applicants can check the status of their supporting documents by going to the left navigation bar, under “UC Postbaccalaureate Application – Status – Status Checklist.”

Q: How many letters of recommendation are required?

A: Applicants must acquire three letters of recommendation; additional letters will not be added to your file. One letter must be from a science professor, the second letter must be from a community service experience, and the third letter can be your choice from the following list:

- Faculty member (science or non-science professor)
- Research Director or Principal Investigator (if you have research experience)
- Representative from medical-related volunteer program
- Medical/Research Pathway Program Director (if you are a current participant or have completed a pathway program)
- Current employee (if you have paid work experience)

*Please note that “science professor” is defined as the faculty member who assigned your grade; a teaching assistant or graduate student will not qualify as a science instructor.

Re-applicants may use two of the letters of recommendations that were submitted for medical school, but the third must specifically address the applicant's suitability for the Postbaccalaureate program.

Letter writers must submit their letters electronically using the application portal. Please note that letters must be in PDF format, under institutional letterhead, and include a signature.

Q: Is your program only designed to assist pre-medical students?

A: Yes. Our Postbaccalaureate program is designed to assist students in gaining admission to medical school.

Q: Do I need to be a California Resident to apply?

A: Yes. All applicants must be California residents. Undocumented students who reside in California are eligible to apply.

Q: Is this program an academic enhancement or career changer Postbaccalaureate program?

A: Our UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium programs are academic record-enhancer programs, focused on improving GPA and MCAT scores in order for our students to be more competitive for medical school. You can search for career changer programs and other types of programs via the [AAMC website](#).

Q: How do I know if I am eligible for UC Irvine's Postbaccalaureate Program?

A: To be eligible for the Postbaccalaureate Program, candidates must meet all of the following criteria below:

- Be a California resident
- Be considered disadvantaged*
- Possess an undergraduate degree from an accredited U.S. college or university
- Have a minimum cumulative and science GPA of 2.8
- Have completed the following requirements for medical school:
 - Biology: 1 year (including a minimum of one upper-division course)
 - Chemistry: 1 year general chemistry & 1 year organic chemistry
 - Physics: 1 year
- If a re-applicant, must have a minimum composite MCAT score of 492
- Have a demonstrated record of service to the underserved
- Have not previously matriculated at a medical school
- Submit an application with all supporting documents by the final deadline

*A disadvantaged individual is one who, from an early age, resided in a low-income community or experienced enduring family, societal or other hardships that significantly compromised their educational opportunities.

Q: Do I have to have all of the prerequisites for medical school completed prior to applying to the Postbaccalaureate program?

A: No. You must have completed the following coursework prior to starting the program, if accepted:

- Biology: 1 year (including labs and a minimum of one upper-division biology course)
- Chemistry: 1 year general chemistry & 1 year organic chemistry (including labs)
- Physics: 1 year