PRE-MEDICAL PREREQUISITE GUIDE 2026-27

Below is a list of the **recommended** prerequisite courses to prepare for the MCAT. Prerequisite courses vary from program to program; therefore, this list is intended to be used as a guide to help students start planning their coursework and may not fully encompass prerequisites at all medical schools. It is essential for students to do their own program research early so that they may complete the required courses for their prospective programs.

Prerequisite	Wofford Course Equivilent	Notes
General Biology (4 hours)	BIOL 150 with lab	
Genetics with lab (4 hours)	BIOL 213 with lab	
Cellular Biology (3 hours)	BIOL 215	
Chemistry I with lab (4 hours)	CHEM 123 with lab	
Chemistry II with lab (4 hours)	CHEM 124 with lab	
Organic Chemistry I with lab (4 hours)	CHEM 203 with lab	
Organic Chemistry II with lab (4 hours)	CHEM 204 with lab	
Physiology with lab (4 hours)	BIOL 342 with lab	
Biochemistry (3-4 hours)	BIOL 433 or CHEM 309 with lab	
Physics I with lab (4 hours)	PHYS 121 or PHYS 141	
Physics II with lab (4 hours)	PHYS 122 or PHYS 142	
Statistics (3 hours)	MATH 140	
Psychology (4 hours)	PSYC 150 with lab	A lab component to an introductory psychology course is not necessarily needed for the MCAT. However, Wofford does not currently offer a non-lab introductory psychology course. Students may want to consider taking a 3-hour introductory psychology course through another institution.
Sociology (3 hours)	SOCI 101	
Other courses to consider that are not on the MCAT but may be recommended or required by some medical schools: Human Anatomy with lab (4 hours).	BIOL 440 with lab	

GRADES: It is important to perform strongly in these prerequisite courses. Programs often have a minimum grade requirement for all prerequisite coursework. Students should strive for higher than the minimum grade requirement to be a competitive applicant.

COURSE EXPIRATION DATES: Some schools have expiration dates on prerequisite coursework. Make sure that your courses meet the expiration date requirements for your prospective programs.

ONLINE COURSES: Students are encouraged to take science prerequisite courses and labs in person, as some programs may not accept online sciences/labs.

AP CREDIT: Not all Med schools accept AP credit. Students should verify with prospective schools.

STUDY ABROAD: Students are encouraged to study abroad during their four years at Wofford. Several programs offer valuable experiences that align well with the interests and goals of pre-health students. If you have questions about which programs may be a good fit for your pre-health pathway or how to incorporate study abroad into your academic plan, you can make an appointment with the Office of International Programs for guidance and support.

Below are the Wofford sequences and a suggested timeline for students to complete the recommended coursework if their goal is to take the MCAT after their junior year and attend medical school immediately after graduating from Wofford:

BIOL 150 W/ LAB ⟶ BIOL 213 + BIOL 213L ⟶ BIOL 215

Complete sequence by the end of sophomore year

CHEM 123 W/ LAB ⟶ CHEM 124 W/ LAB ⟶ CHEM 203 W/ LAB ⟶ CHEM 204 W/ LAB

Complete sequence by the end of junior year

BIOL 433 OR CHEM 309 W/ LAB AND BIOL 342 W/ LAB

Complete by the end of junior year

PHYS 121 W/ LAB OR PHYS 141 W/ LAB ⟶ PHYS 122 W/ LAB OR PHYS 142 W/ LAB

Complete sequence by the end of junior year

MATH 140, PSYC 150 W/ LAB, SOCI 101

Complete by junior year

Note: Every student has a different timeline and academic path. There is no one size fits all plan. These prerequisite courses as well as MCAT preparation are difficult and very time-consuming. Many students choose to take at least one gap year before starting medical school to be successful in their academics while also making themselves a well-rounded applicant. For questions about planning their courses, students can contact the pre-health advisor, Mary Katherine Bradley, in the Office of Academic Advising to discuss their personal academic plan: bradleymk@wofford.edu.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THEIR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Medical University of South Carolina (MD)

University of South Carolina Columbia (MD)

University of South Carolina Greenville (MD)

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)

For a list of medical School programs, you can reference the AMCAS and AACOM directories:

AMCAS Program Directory

AACOM Program Directory

*Note: CUNY school of Medicine and Texas medical schools do not participate in the AMCAS or AACOMAS application and are not included in the list above. For information on Texas medical schools, visit: tmdsas.com