

**Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
AMCAS Application and Acceptance Protocol 2019
(Updated January 2019)**

The [AMCAS Applicant Protocols](#) have changed drastically for the 2018-2019 application cycle; candidates agree to abide by the AMCAS Application and Acceptance Protocol when they submit their AMCAS application. This notice is to inform admitted candidates on Vanderbilt's enforcement of the Protocols.

The Protocols are in place to ensure a fair process for candidates and for medical schools. It is Vanderbilt's policy to support the AMCAS Application and Acceptance Protocols and encourage an honest dialog between admitted candidates and the school. The following information contains important steps and dates in the process.

Step 1-“Plan to Enroll” Starting February 19, 2019

Starting on or around February 19, 2019, the AAMC “Choose Your Medical School” portal will be ready for admitted candidates to indicate where they plan to enroll, based on offers received. The AAMC will email candidates about this tool. To assist with enrollment predictions, Vanderbilt encourages candidates to keep their non-binding “Plan to Enroll” status current. Per our policy, an applicant whose first choice is Vanderbilt University School of Medicine must indicate their desire to “Plan to Enroll” no later than April 30, 2019 (more information is in Step 3).

Step 2-Narrow Decision to Three Schools by April 15, 2019

As described in the AAMC Acceptance Protocols, Vanderbilt requires admitted candidates hold no more than three acceptances after April 15, 2019. It is the candidate's responsibility to notify Vanderbilt if any extenuating circumstances arise that prevents the candidate from being compliant.

Step 3—Final “Plan to Enroll” Action by April 30, 2019

By April 30, 2019, candidates must withdraw from all but one school. If the candidate intends to attend Vanderbilt, he/she must indicate “Plan to Enroll” in the “Choose Your Medical School” tool by midnight Eastern Time on April 30, 2019. Vanderbilt reserves the right to contact an admitted candidate if the individual is not compliant with this protocol.

Step 4-“Commit to Enroll” Action Made 21 days before Orientation

Different from the “Plan to Enroll” is the binding “Commit to Enroll”. Admitted candidates may indicate they “Commit to Enroll” as early as April 30, 2019, if Vanderbilt is the first choice. When a candidate indicates they “Commit to Enroll”, the candidate must have withdrawn from all waitlists and from any other acceptances. Failure to comply with this process by midnight Central Time on the dates indicated below may result in the rescission of the candidate's acceptance.

MSTP, Commit to Enroll by Tuesday, May 28, 2019

MD and MIDP, Commit to Enroll by Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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Additional Acceptances After April 30, 2019:

If an admitted candidate who “Plans to Enroll” after April 30th receives an admissions offer from another institution before June 26 (May 28th for MSTP), the individual must notify Vanderbilt at mdadmissions@vanderbilt.edu within 24 hours and provide the name of the school who made the offer and the amount of time you have to respond to it.

Withdrawal Process

If a candidate wishes to matriculate at another school or be released from Vanderbilt’s waitlist, the individual should send an email with their AAMC ID number stating that desire to mdadmissions@vanderbilt.edu.

Vanderbilt recognizes the application process to medical school can be confusing and challenging. Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss any questions or concerns with the Office of Enrollment Services. The admissions and financial aid administrators are more than happy to assist applicants throughout the process.

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