

**Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
AMCAS Application and Acceptance Protocol 2021
(Updated April 2021)**

The [AMCAS Applicant Protocols](#) are in place to ensure a fair process for candidates and for medical schools; applicants agree to abide by the Protocols when they submit their AMCAS application. 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, 2021

Starting on or around February 19, 2021, 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, 2021 (more information is in Step 3).

Step 2-Narrow Decision to Three Schools by April 15, 2021

As described in the AAMC Acceptance Protocols, Vanderbilt requires admitted candidates hold no more than three acceptances after April 15, 2021. 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, 2021

By April 30, 2021, candidates must withdraw from all but one school. If the candidate intends to attend Vanderbilt, he/she/they must indicate “Plan to Enroll” in the “Choose Your Medical School” tool by midnight Eastern Time on April 30, 2021. 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, 2021, 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 When a candidate indicates they “Commit to Enroll”, the candidate must have withdrawn from all waitlists and from any other acceptances (by contacting the individual school) following the school's stated protocols. 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. Vanderbilt encourages candidates stay connected with admissions during this time.

MSTP, Commit to Enroll by Tuesday, May 25, 2021

MD and MIDP, Commit to Enroll by Wednesday, June 23, 2021

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Additional Acceptances After April 30, 2021:

If an admitted candidate who “Plans to Enroll” after April 30th receives an admissions offer from another institution before June 23 (May 25 for MSTP), the individual must notify Vanderbilt at mdadmissions@vanderbilt.edu within 24 hours and provide the amount of time one has to respond to it. In addition, we kindly ask individuals to provide the name of the school who made the offer.

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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