

Medical School

The Joint Science Department's Medical School Handbook is available on-line at: www.jsd.claremont.edu/MedSchoolHandbook/. This handbook includes excellent information about getting into medical school as well as a timeline to guide you through the process. You should also refer to the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) website—www.aamc.org/students. For assistance with the Medical School application process you should be working with Jodi Olson at Keck Joint Science Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program, ext. 18764.

MCAT

The MCAT test will only be available as a computerized test from 2007 and forward. The AAMC has contracted with Thomson Prometric to deliver the computer-based MCAT on behalf of the AAMC multiple times per year, at hundreds of testing sites in North America and several locations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Middle East.

There will be 22 separate test dates offered throughout the year beginning in the month of January with two dates and again several tests date options available from April through September. The test will be shorter than the previous paper pencil version so this will allow the test to be offered twice a day at some sites. Morning and afternoon sessions will be available on weekdays and Saturdays. Students may register for the test three times in one year and will only be able to register for one test date at a time. Scores will be reported in 30 days instead of 60 days. AAMC expects that eventually this time will be reduced to 14 days. The cost to register for the MCAT is \$210.

Online registration for each testing date will open six months prior to the testing date at <http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/registration.htm>. Thomson Prometric will reserve seats for MCAT examinees until 60 days before each testing date. After this, the seats will be released to people who wish to register for other tests. However, students will still be able to register for the MCAT up until two weeks before a chosen testing date. Through online registration and scheduling, it will be possible to change testing dates.

The MCAT assesses mastery of basic concepts in biology, chemistry, and physics; facility with scientific problem solving and critical thinking; and writing skills. The skills and concepts tested by the MCAT are those identified by physicians and medical educators as prerequisite for the practice of medicine. The goal of the MCAT is to help admission committees predict which of their applicants will be successful in medical school. In addition, the MCAT can be used to help

applicants who are not accepted to medical school determine the academic areas in which they may need further study. The MCAT Student Manual is available on the AAMC website to familiarize students with the MCAT and provide the information necessary to prepare for the test.

APPLICATION

The American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®) is a non-profit, centralized application processing service for applicants to the first-year entering classes at participating U.S. medical schools.

For the 2009 entering class, most medical schools use AMCAS as the primary application method. AMCAS charges an application processing fee of \$160 for one (1) medical school designation, and \$30 for each designation thereafter. To apply to accredited osteopathic medical schools, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) also offers a centralized application service on their website at <https://aacomas.aacom.org/>. To apply to medical schools that do not participate in AMCAS or AACOM you should contact schools directly for application instructions. Application deadlines for regular M.D. programs are set by individual medical schools. These deadlines are between October 15 and December 15. You should submit your application materials as early as possible to avoid processing delays and missed deadlines. Materials received during peak periods may take considerably longer to process. Further, processing does not begin until the application service receives all required official transcripts and the completed application.

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Be readily available to respond to requests for secondary applications. Requests for supplementary materials may or may not indicate that you have passed a preliminary screening process. These requests vary from merely a request for additional money to detailed questionnaires and several essays. Secondary applications require your prompt and careful preparation.

LETTER OF EVALUATION PACKET

Your faculty advisor from the Joint Science Department will compile a composite letter for your application. This is a letter comprised of contributions from the faculty you choose to be on your recommendation committee. Generally, you choose from 3 to 6 professors to contribute to your letter.

CMC Online Recruiting System

CMCONNECT

The Claremont College's cooperative on-campus recruiting program allows students to use our new online recruiting system, CMConnect—<https://claremontmckenna-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. This is a comprehensive system that gives students access to do the following:

- 1) find job and internship listings **nationwide**
- 2) interview with organizations visiting any of The Claremont Colleges. Through CMConnect, students submit resumes directly to employers for selection for on-campus interviews. **On-campus recruiting opportunities are for students of all disciplines and class levels.**
- 3) view workshops, information sessions, career fairs, special events and 5C events
- 4) find campus job listings. Work study and non-work study positions are available in such places as the Emett Center, the Athenaeum, the bookstore, library, building and grounds department, and in a number of academic and administrative offices as well as the research institutes.

More information about CMConnect is available on our website at <http://csc.cmc.edu>.

ON-CAMPUS JOBS

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Under "Jobs"

Under "CSM Jobs"

Select either work-study or non-work study for position type

SENIOR MEETINGS

To participate in on-campus recruiting, CMC seniors must attend a Life After CMC for Seniors meeting. Check with the CSC for more information.

EMPLOYER PRESENTATIONS

Many employers will be on campus to present information about their companies and job opportunities.

Employer presentations are a great way to network and ask questions. Come to the CSC, check the webpage (<http://csc.cmc.edu>) or check CMConnect <https://claremontmckenna-csm.symplicity.com/employers> for dates and times.

- Professional attire is appropriate
- Sign-up online in CMConnect for all CMC employer presentations
- Refreshments are provided
- Students of all The Claremont Colleges are welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS/WORKSHOPS/CAREER FAIRS

There are many programs offered throughout the year at The Claremont Colleges. Each college hosts a variety of career fairs. At CMC we call these Industry Nights. These fairs are industry specific and in the evening at McKenna Auditorium. All students are welcome! You can find more information about our industry nights and register to attend through CMConnect by clicking on Career Fairs. Other special events and workshops are also listed in CMConnect.

<i>Investment Banking & Finance Night</i>	<i>September 16</i>
<i>Accounting "Meet the Firms" Night</i>	<i>September 23</i>
<i>Consulting Firms Night</i>	<i>October 1</i>

NO-SHOW POLICY

Students who sign-up to interview must keep their appointments. **Cancellations** must be made through CMConnect system prior to the preselect deadline date except in an emergency, when students must contact the recruiting coordinator at the host career center. **No e-mail cancellations.** No exceptions. **Campus interview privileges at all of the Claremont Colleges will be revoked for any student who does not comply with this policy.**