

Advisor Information System Reference Manual



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Advisor Information System Overview

The Advisor Information System (AIS) provides assistance to health professions advisors by providing them with confidential information about medical school applicants.

AIS contains the following tools:

Quick Lookup

This utility allows advisors to search for a single AMCAS applicant or MCAT examinee from your institution.

Roster of Applicants

This report provides biographic, academic, and admission information for AMCAS applicants who authorized release of information to your institution.

MCAT Roster/Summary

This report provides MCAT scores for MCAT examinees who have released their scores to your institution and aggregate data for a group of examinees in a period of time that you specify in your search.

Designated School

This report provides a listing of the medical schools to which your advisees have applied, including the number of applicants, acceptances, and matriculants to each school.

App Year Status

Provides a report comparing your school's statistics to national statistics for a given application year.

Trends

This tool displays graphs of aggregate data from closed application years.

You can select which report to run by making the appropriate selection on the AIS Toolbar.



The AIS Toolbar will indicate your school name (located on left side of the AIS Toolbar) as well as options for accessing Help and logging out of the system (located on the right side of the AIS Toolbar).



Statement of Confidentiality

You must agree to the Statement of Confidentiality before you may enter the Advisor Information System. When you agree to this statement, you agree to the following:

I agree to protect the confidentiality of the applicant data and all restrictions which apply to its use, and I understand that I am responsible for reading and understanding these <u>restrictions</u>. I further agree that violating the confidentiality of this data may deny me and/or this institution future access to the information provided by the AAMC Advisor Information System.

In addition to the above statement, you also agree to certain, specific restrictions. The underlined "restrictions" in the confidentiality statement is a link to the following:

Unauthorized use of data in the Advisor Information System (AIS) includes:

- Sharing personally identifiable examinee or applicant information with a third-party, including medical schools.
- Releasing AIS data, including admissions decisions, to an advisee. The medical schools are the only entities authorized to release admissions actions.
- Providing a list, or any part of a list, of an applicant's designated medical schools and associated actions to a medical school admissions office.

Other restrictions may apply. If you have any concerns or need clarification about authorized use, please contact the AAMC at advisors@aamc.org.

The AAMC will revoke AIS privileges from an advisor and/or the advisor's institution, if an AIS user violates this policy. When you agree to the confidentiality statement and enter the AIS, you agree to the above restrictions.

AMCAS Data Retention Policy

To comply with broader AAMC Data Retention Policies and established best practices and effective with the 2013 application cycle, **AMCAS** will no longer provide access to data that is more than five (5) years old.

- Advisors using AIS will not be able to view applicant data from application cycles that occurred
 more than five years prior to the current application cycle. Application Year Statistics and
 Trending data (reports generated using the "App Year Stats" and "Trends" tab) are not affected
 by this policy and will continue to show data from all application years.
- When the first data transmission of each new application year takes place, data from more than five years prior will no longer be available within AIS, except for Application Year Statistics and Trending data.



Quick Lookup

Purpose

The Advisee Quick Lookup allows advisors to search for a single advisee. The advisee may be an MCAT examinee, AMCAS applicant, or both.

Query Instructions

The following information will guide you through searching for an advisee. You may search for an advisee by entering his/her AAMC ID Number, Social Security Number or first and/or last name. You may further limit your search by selecting an application year.

AAMC ID Number

Enter the advisee's AAMC ID Number. You must enter the advisee's entire AAMC ID Number.

Social Security Number

Enter the advisee's Social Security Number. You must enter the advisee's entire Social Security Number. You do not have to enter dashes.

First Name and/or Last Name

You may enter the advisee's first name, the last name or both. You may also search by using the wild card characters * and %. You may use a wild card character multiple times.

When searching using a wild card, you must enter at least three letters.

Examples of using the wild card:

If you enter this in the Last Name Field		You get this
johnson	⇔	All advisees with a last name of Johnson
		All advisees with a last name of Johnson, Johanssen,
joh* (or joh%)	\Leftrightarrow	Johns, etc.
		All advisees with a last name of Johnson, Johns,
ohn	⇔	Hohner, etc.

Application Year

You may narrow your search by selecting an application year or leave it blank to search all available applications. The application year selection only applies to AMCAS applicants, as the Advisor Information System will always search for all available MCAT examinees.



Results

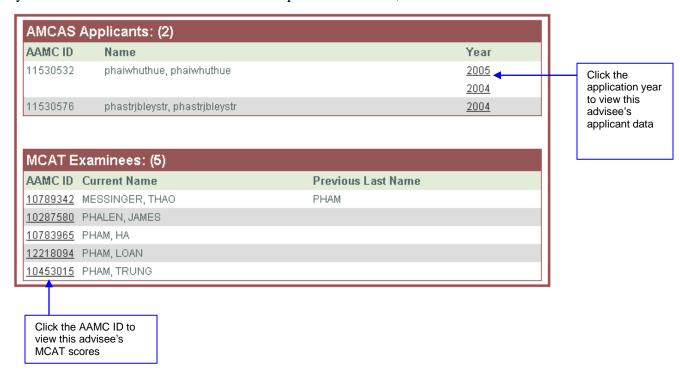
If your search returns only one AMCAS applicant, data for that applicant will be displayed.

In the results table for a single advisee, the AMCAS status will be displayed at the bottom. If the AMCAS application status is "Hold," the result table will display the transcript receipt status (Received or Not Received), for each school the advisee has attended. For example:



If your search returns more than one AMCAS applicant or MCAT examinee, your results will display in a list. To view a particular advisee's application data, click on the application you wish to view. MCAT scores for applicants will be available in the results table.

If you wish to view the MCAT scores for a specific examinee, click on the AAMC ID.



To create a printable copy of the Result Page, click

Printer-Friendly . To return to the Student List, click **Student List** located at the top left or bottom left of the Result field.



Roster of Applicants

Purpose

Generates a list of AMCAS applicants for a specified application year, including biographic, academic, and admission information for AMCAS applicants who authorized release of information to your institution.

Note: The result of this query will include applicants who may have been accepted or matriculated to an institution that does not participate in AMCAS, but only if the applicant also submitted an AMCAS application. (i.e., If an applicant submitted an AMCAS application and was later accepted or matriculated to a non-AMCAS institution, that applicant will still be included in the Roster of Applicants.)

Query Instructions

The following information will guide you through running a Roster of Applicants report.

Application Year

Select the application year from the drop down menu.

Output Selection

Select the method in which you would like your results to be displayed. The following options are available:

Display on Screen – Short Table view

A table will display on your screen listing each applicant's name, AAMC ID Number, GPA, most recent MCAT total, AMCAS application status and number of medical school acceptances. You will then be able to click on the applicant's name to view the details of his/her AMCAS application.

Display on Screen – All Records, Full View

Detailed application records will display on screen for all applicants found in your search.

Download Roster

Allows you to download all records found in a search. The download includes most of the same information as found in the on-screen display, but it is not as complete as the on-screen view. Rosters available for download include:

- **Schools Attended**: List of schools each one of your released advisees has included in the Schools Attended section of the application.
- Standard Bio: General Applicant Information
- Actions 1 row: Applicant Medical School actions are displayed in 1 row
- Actions multi-row: Applicant Medical School actions are displayed in many rows.



• Letter Data: List of letter data that your released advisees have included in their application.

If you choose this option, follow the steps below. The download is a comma-delimited file that you can import into spreadsheet software or a database.

1. When the File Download box opens, select "Open" if you wish to view the results immediately.

Or

- 2. If you want to save the file and open it later, or you want to open the file in another type of software, when the File Download box opens, select the option "Save This File To Disk"
- 3. In the "Save As" box, enter a name for the file in the File Name Field (or you may continue with the default name).
- 4. Select Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File in the Save as Type Field.
- 5. In the Save In field, select the location that you would like to save the file.
- 6. Click Save.

Optional Filters

Several search filters are provided to assist you in narrowing your search results.

Filter by Applicant Category

Selecting this option will allow you to filter by **First Time AMCAS Applicants** or **AMCAS Re-applicants**.

Filter by Designated Medical School

Selecting this option will allow you to filter by a medical school to which your advisees may have applied. The schools are in alphabetical order in the drop-down. If you do not know the exact name of a school, you can narrow your search by first selecting a state.

Filter by Program Type

Selecting this option will allow you to filter by the medical school program type to which your advisees have applied.

- o Regular M.D.
- o Deferred/delayed Matriculation
- o Early Assurance
- o B.A.-M.D.
- o Early Decision
- o M.D.-Graduate
- Other Special Program
- o M.D.-Ph.D.

Filter by Action Category

Allows you to filter your search results by admission action. You may select one or more categories. For example, if you wish to search for all applicants who have been accepted and all applicants who have matriculated, you would select Accepted and Matriculated.



If you do **not** select a medical school in the Filter by Designated Medical School, you may filter by:

- o **Not Yet Accepted** Includes several action categories: Hold for Information, Alternate List, Defer to Regular, No Action, Passive Withdrawal, and Rejected.
- Accepted An official offer of acceptance has been tendered, applicant has not yet matriculated.
- o **Matriculated** Accepted applicants who officially enroll and are in attendance when classes start.

If you do select a medical school, you may filter by **Not Yet Accepted**, **Accepted**, **Matriculated**, and any of the following action categories:

- No Action Appears on every record when schools first receive the application. This
 is the initial/default action and remains unchanged until AMCAS releases an action
 update.
- o **Alternate List** Applicants who have been placed on a school's alternate acceptance list
- Defer Matriculation to Future Class Applicant has accepted an offer of admission but has asked to defer or delay matriculation until a future year. This action is considered final.
- Hold Applicants still under consideration but for whom additional information or review may be necessary.
- Early Matriculation Applicants who will attend a medical school-sponsored summer pre-matriculation program that entails attendance prior to the medical school's orientation date. This status indicates that the applicant has also entered into a binding agreement to matriculate to the medical school and will withdraw from all alternate lists.
- O Passive Withdrawal Applicant whose application has been processed by AMCAS but fails to meet the application requirements set by the individual medical school, and who by virtue of failing to meet such requirements is removed from consideration by the medical school. For example, an applicant who neglects to submit a secondary (supplemental) application effectively withdraws him or herself from consideration by the medical school.
- o **Withdrawn Before Acceptance** Applicant notifies the medical school of his/her intention to withdraw before the school has made any admission decision.
- o **Withdrawn After Acceptance** Applicant withdraws from consideration after having been offered an acceptance.
- o **Rejected** Applicant will not be admitted.
- o **Rescinded Acceptance** Offer of acceptance to an applicant has been taken away by a medical school for any reason.

Filter By Degree Status

Allows you to search for advisees who have earned degrees from your institution, or by non-degree and post-baccalaureate status.



- Anyone with post-bacc coursework Includes all applicants who have taken postbaccalaureate classes, regardless of whether or not they earned a degree from your school.
- o **Bachelors Degree** Includes all applicants who have earned any type of bachelor's degree from your institution.
- o **Graduate Degree** Includes all applicants who have earned any type of master's or doctoral (other than M.D.) from your institution.
- o **Other Degrees** Includes all applicants who have earned any type of associate's degree, law degree, or M.D. degree from your institution.
- No Degree Includes all applicants who have not earned any type of a degree but who have taken courses at your institution. You may further limit your search to: only non-degree with post-bacc coursework, or only non-degree without post-bacc coursework. These non-degree sub-filters allow you to identify those students who have only taken a few courses at your school and who you may not wish to include in your statistics.

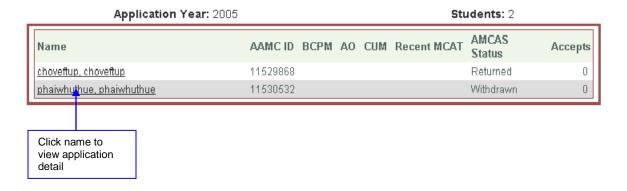
Filter By AMCAS Status

Allows you to search by AMCAS status.

- o **Active** Application is submitted, all transcripts have been received, and is awaiting verification. Only biographic data is available to medical schools who request it.
- o **Hold** Application is submitted, waiting for transcripts.
- o **Processed** Application has been verified and made available to medical schools. Any received and assigned letters have been made available to medical schools.
 - My Primary Undergraduate School Selecting this option will display results only for processed applicants whose Primary Undergraduate School, as determined by AMCAS, is your institution. See "How is the Primary Undergraduate School (PUG) determined?" for additional information.
- o **Returned** Application has been returned to the applicant for corrections.
- Withdrawn Applicant has withdrawn their application. Cannot re-apply until the next application year.

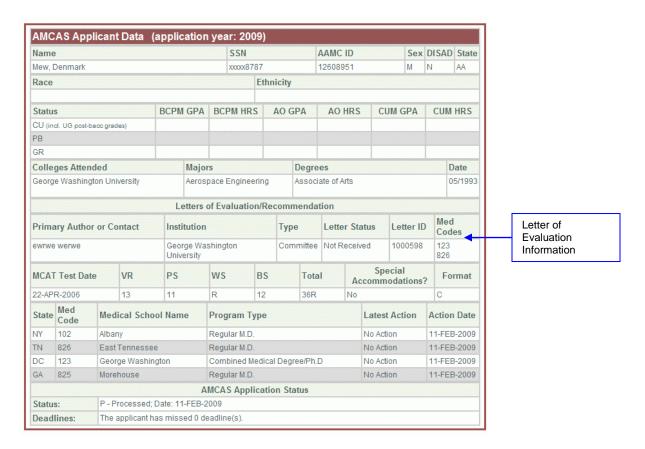
Results

In the Short Table View, a table will display each applicant's name, AAMC ID, GPA, most recent MCAT score total, AMCAS application status, and number of medical school acceptances. You will then be able to click on a name to view the detailed AMCAS application data.





In full display, the detailed record for each applicant will be displayed directly on the screen. Example of an applicant record:



Medical school admissions decisions are displayed under "Latest Action." **AMCAS embargos actions for two weeks from the date a medical school notifies AMCAS of an action.** For example, if AMCAS receives an action on May 15, the action will appear in the AIS on May 29. Until AMCAS release an action update, the AIS will display "**Action Pending.**"



MCAT Roster/Summary

Purpose

Allows you to run a list of MCAT examinees who released their scores to your institution and run an aggregate report with comparative statistics. Examinees may release their scores to their pre-health advisors when they register for the MCAT or when they submit AMCAS applications.

Query Instructions

The following information will guide you through searching for individual or aggregate data for a set of MCAT examinees.

MCAT Exam Date Range

Select a date range that you wish to search. If you are searching for a single administration, enter the same "from" and "through" date, for example, if you want to see the scores from just the April 2005 exam, enter April 2005 through April 2005.

Included Tables

You must select at least one table to include in your search. You may opt to include both.

Roster

Selecting Roster will display a table for each examinee, including biographic information and score data. If an examinee also has an AMCAS application, a link will be provided to view the associated data. (Note: AMCAS application data is available only when you set your output to **Display on screen**.

Summary

Selecting summary will display a table of averages for your students as well as a comparison to national averages.

Results

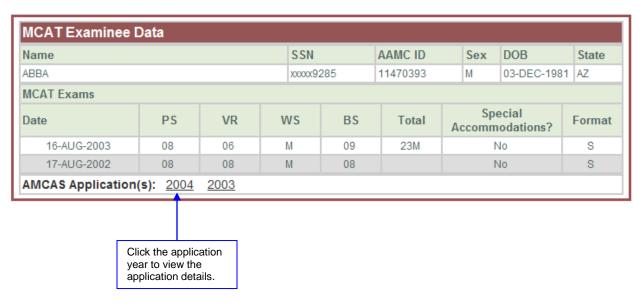
Each record number is followed by the number of records returned. For example, if the first record is labeled 1 of 423, this indicates that your search resulted in 423 matches.

You can also move from one record to the next record by clicking $\frac{1}{1}$. To move to the previous record, click $\frac{1}{1}$.

You can also scroll through each record instead of using the provided navigation links. You can create a printer friendly version of the results by clicking the Printer-Friendly link.



If an AMCAS application is found for an examinee, a link will be provided to the application detail, for example:



If you have chosen to run both the Roster of Examinees and the Summary Data, the summary tables will display at the bottom of the page. Instead of scrolling to the bottom, you can select the **Jump To Summary Data** link located above the first record in the results.

The first table shows your institution's statistics for the date range you specified in your query.

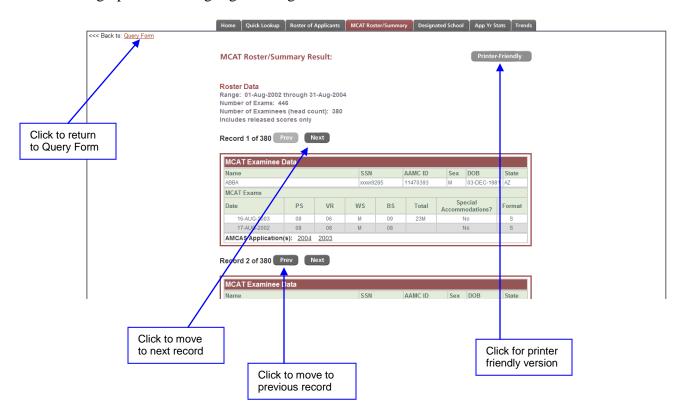
School												
Group	Important Note											
Examinees - All 298			These statistics include scores of all examinees (whether or not they have an AMCAS application). If examinees have taken more than one MCAT during this period, all scores are included.									
Percentage of Students with Scores												
MCAT Section	Mean	Std Dev	14	5-6	7	8	9	10-11	12-15			
Physical Sciences	8.2	2.12	3	16	21	16	16	20	7			
Verbal Reasoning	8.5	2.14	4	14	12	18	17	30	5			
Biological Sciences	8.6	2.37	6	13	10	16	18	26	12			
MCAT Section	Median	25th / 75th %ile	J-K	L-M	N	0	Р	Q-R	S-T			
Writing Sample	0	M/Q	0	30	12	15	12	29	2			
MCAT Section	Mean	Std Dev	3-7	8-12	13-17	18-22	23-25	26-28	29-31	32-35	36- 4 40 -	41 45
Total	25.40	5.79	0	1	10	17	20	22	14	13	3	0



Just below your school's statistics is a table with the national statistics for the date range you specified in your query:

			Nati	onal									
Group Count					Important Note								
Examinees - All		86339	These statistics include scores of all examinees (whether or not they have an AMCAS application). If examinees have taken more than one MCAT during this period, all scores are included.										
Percentage of Students with Scores													
MCAT Section	Mean	Std Dev	14	5-6	7	8	9	10-11	12-15				
Physical Sciences	8.1	2.33	5	20	17	16	13	20	8				
Verbal Reasoning	8.2	2.42	8	17	11	15	16	27	6				
Biological Sciences	8.5	2.44	7	14	9	15	19	26	10				
MCAT Section	Median	25th / 75th %ile	J-K	L-M	N	0	Р	Q-R	S-T				
Writing Sample	0	M/Q	3	26	12	17	11	27	4				
MCAT Section	Mean	Std Dev	3-7	8-12	13-17	18-22	23-25	26-28	29-31	32-35	36- 40		
Total	24.80	6.28	0	3	10	21	18	19	15	11	3	0	

The graphic below highlights navigational features of the MCAT Roster Results.



To run another search or to review the search options you selected, click **Query Form.**



Designated School

Purpose

Generates a report listing the medical schools that your students have applied to, how many students have applied to each school, how many have been accepted, and how many have matriculated.

Query Instructions

The following information will guide you through searching for aggregate data for a set of AMCAS applicants.

Application Year

Select the application year you would like to search.

Output Selection

Select the output method.

Display on Screen

Displays the results directly on the screen

Download

Download the results to a file

Optional Filters

Two search filters are provided to assist you in narrowing your search results.

Filter by Action Category

Selecting this option will allow you to filter by one of the following (definitions provided on pages 7-8 of this manual):

- Not Yet Accepted Applicants
- Accepted, Not Yet Matriculated Applicants
- Matriculated Applicants

Filter by Degree Status

Selecting this option will allow you to filter by one or more of the following (definitions provided on pages 8-9 of this manual):

- Anyone with post-bacc course work
- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduate Degree (Masters, Doctoral)
- Other Degrees (Associates, Professional, Other)
- No Degree



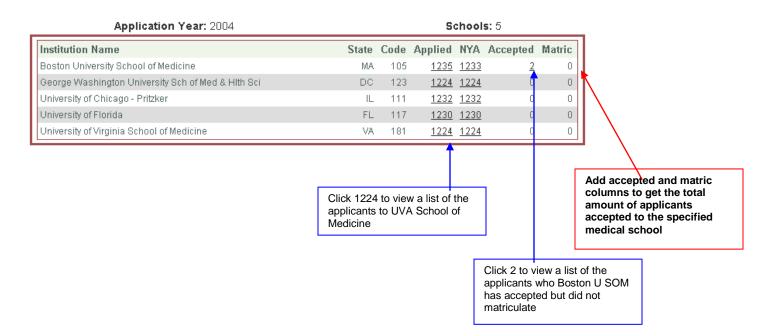
Filter By AMCAS Status

Allows you to search by AMCAS status.

- o **Active** Application is submitted, all transcripts have been received, and is awaiting verification. Only biographic data is available to medical schools who request it.
- o **Hold** Application is submitted, waiting for transcripts.
- o **Processed** Application has been verified and made available to medical schools. Any received and assigned letters have been made available to medical schools.
 - My Primary Undergraduate School Selecting this option will display results only for processed applicants whose Primary Undergraduate School, as determined by AMCAS, is your institution. See "How is the Primary Undergraduate School (PUG) determined?" for additional information.
- o **Returned** Application has been returned to the applicant for corrections.
- Withdrawn Applicant has withdrawn their application. Cannot re-apply until the next application year.

Results

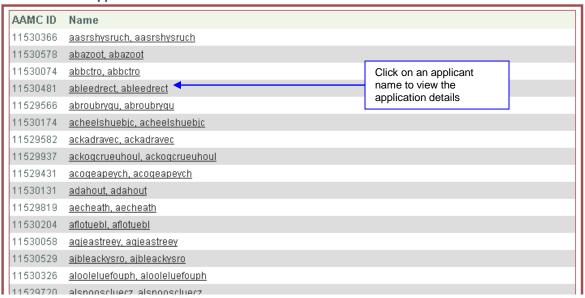
A table will display each school name, state, institution code, number of applicants, number of not-yet-accepted (NYA) applicants, number of accepted applicants, and number of matriculated applicants. In this example, advisees from our sample institution have applied to five medical schools. Each column shows a number, which is a link to a list of applicants, if applicable.



When you click on a number in any of the columns, you will receive a list of the applicable applicants:



Application Year: 2004 Students: 1235





Application Year Statistics

Purpose

Generates a report comparing school statistics to national AMCAS application statistics for a given application year.

Note: Non-AMCAS applicants (e.g., TMDSAS) are not included in the results of this query, meaning that these results will not be the same as the data found in AAMC FACTS.

Query Instructions

The following information will guide you through generating an Application Year Statistics report.

Application Year

Select the Application Year in which you wish to search.

Selectable Tables

Select which statistics you'd like to see compared: GPA, MCAT, or both.

Group Comparisons

Select to compare these statistics based on group: gender, race, or both.

Output Selection

Select the output method.

Display on Screen

Displays the results directly on the screen

Download

Download the results to a file

Optional Filters

Two search filters are provided to assist you in narrowing your search results.

Filter by Applicant Category

Selecting this option will allow you to filter by one of the following:

- 1. First-Time AMCAS Applicants
- 2. AMCAS Re-applicants
- 3. Released Applicants



Filter by Degree Status

Selecting this option will allow you to filter by one or more of the following (definitions are provided on pages 8-9 of this manual):

- Anyone with post-bacc coursework
- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduate Degree (Masters, Doctoral)
- Other Degrees (Associates, Professional, Other)
- No Degree

Filter by My Primary Undergraduate School

Selecting this option will display results only for processed applicants whose Primary Undergraduate School, as determined by AMCAS, is your institution. See "<u>How is the Primary Undergraduate School (PUG) determined?</u>" for additional information.

Results

Tables will display aggregate information with comparisons to national averages. Depending on which options were selected at the query form, you will see average GPA data, average MCAT data, or both.

Unlike other modules in the AIS, which include applicants with any AMCAS status, this table includes only AMCAS applications with a status of "Processed."

"N/A" means that the applicant pool for any given column is not sufficient (must be at least 10) to run averages and protect the confidentiality of the applicants included in the report.

NL	JMBER OF APPLIC	ANTS						
C-4	Ар	plied	Acce	pted	Matriculated			
Category	Sch.	Nat.	Sch.	Nat.	Sch.	Nat.		
All Applicants	5	861	0	11	0	0		
	AVERAGE GPA							
Catavani	Ар	plied	Acce	pted	Matric	iculated		
Category	Sch.	Nat.	Sch.	Nat.	Sch.	Nat.		
CUM UG BCPM	N/A	3.40	N/A	3.32	N/A	N/A		
CUM UG AO	N/A	3.62	N/A	3.47	N/A	N/A		
CUMUG	N/A	3.50	N/A	3.41	N/A	N/A		
	AVERAGE MCAT							
C-t	Ар	plied	Matriculated					
Category	Sch.	Nat.	Sch.	Nat.	Sch.	Nat.		
Physical Sciences	N/A	8.6	N/A	10.4	N/A	N/A		
Verbal Reasoning	N/A	8.2	N/A	9.7	N/A	N/A		
Writing Sample	N/A	. 0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A		
Biological Sciences	N/A	8.9	N/A	10.5	N/A	N/A		
Total	N/A	25.60	N/A	30.60	N/A	N/A		



Trends

Purpose

Generate graphs of aggregate data for closed application years.

Query Instructions

The following information will guide you through generating Trends reports.

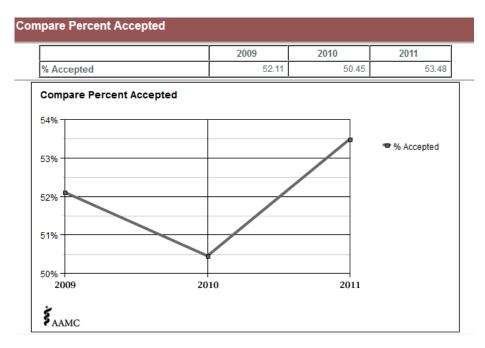
Graphs

Choose the data set(s) you would like to view by checking the appropriate box. Specify the Start and End Years.

- Compare Applicants, Acceptances, Matrics
- Compare Percent Accepted
- Compare MCAT Scores for AMCAS Applicants
- Compare GPA's for AMCAS Applicants

Results

Graphs will display the comparisons that you selected.





How is the Primary Undergraduate School (PUG) determined?

Only U.S. & Canadian schools are eligible.

- 1. The Bachelor degree should be considered first (B.S., B.A., and B.H.). All Bachelor degrees should be leveled the same (i.e., B.S. = B.A. = B.H.).
 - a. In the event that multiple Bachelor degrees exist, the PUG should be determined based on the Bachelor degree with the earliest date.
 - i. In the event that multiple Bachelor degrees are listed with the same "earliest" date, the following ranking should be incorporated: B.S., B.A., and then B.H.
- 2. In the event that NO Bachelors degree is listed, the consideration should be for the Associate degree (A.S., A.A., and A.H.). All Associate degrees should be leveled the same (i.e., A.S. = A.A. = A.H.).
 - a. In the event that there is no Bachelor degree listed and multiple Associate degrees exist, the PUG should be determined based on the degree with the earliest date.
 - i. In the event that multiple Associate degrees are listed with the same "earliest" dates, the following ranking should be incorporated: A.S., A.A., and then A.H.
- 3. In the event that NO Bachelor and NO Associate degree is listed, the consideration should be for the No Degree (ND).
 - a. In the event that there is NO Bachelors and NO Associate degree listed and multiple schools are listed with no degree indicated, the PUG should be determined based on the hours attended at each institution, selecting the one with the most hours as the PUG.
 - i. In the event that multiple schools are listed with No Degree and the same number of credit hours, the PUG should be determined based on the school with the earliest attend_start_dt.