

**Boston University** School of Medicine Graduate Medical Sciences



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#### **Program Overview**

The M.S. in Medical Sciences program provides a rigorous learning experience and enables students to strengthen their academic credentials for medical school admission. The program is long established and highly regarded by U.S. medical schools, including Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM), which accepts 25–30 program graduates on average each year.

### **Program Highlights:**

- One of the first programs of its kind in the United States
- Introduced in 1985 with more than 2500 graduates to date
- Covers a broad range of medical science topics and strengthens students' academic credentials for admission to medical school
- With a program GPA of 3.5 or higher, more than 85% of graduates are admitted to medical school

I wanted a Master's program that would not only improve my resume and application, but also prepare me for the rigor of medical school. MAMS has refined my study strategies and time management skills, and it's given me a newfound confidence in my application. The advising and mentoring are also phenomenal!

- Chelsey Wallace, Class of 2018

- 32-credit program begins in September and can be completed in either one or two calendar years (tuition and coursework are the same with both options)
- Curriculum contains much of the same content as the first year medical curriculum at BUSM
- Courses taught by world-class faculty, the majority of whom are also active medical practitioners and researchers
- Optional MCAT prep course offered
- Experienced advisors and comprehensive support for medical school applications
- Facilitated consideration for admission to BUSM
- Degree awarded by Graduate Medical Sciences at Boston University School of Medicine





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## **CURRICULUM**

#### Fall Semester - Foundational Medical Sciences

Biochemistry and Cell Biology\* Medical Physiology A\* Cellular Organization of Tissues

### **Spring Semester - Physiology and Electives**

Medical Physiology B / Endocrinology\*
Human Body Systems (Anatomy)
Medical Pharmacology
Introduction to Pathology of Disease
Medical Immunology\*
Biostatistics

# **PROGRAM TIMELINE**

#### Option 1: Complete Program in 1 Year **Apply to Medical School Enter Medical School** JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP MAMS MAMS Literature **Medical School** Coursework Coursework **Thesis Option 2: Complete Program in 2 Years** Apply to Medical School **Enter Medical School** JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP Medical **MAMS** MAMS **Research or Literature Thesis** Coursework Coursework School

The M.S. in Medical Sciences program has a rolling admission process; while applicants are accepted until the class reaches capacity, we strongly recommend that you apply before June 1st for the September start date. The program does not offer a January start date.

<sup>\*</sup>Medical School level course



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### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Students must have graduated from a four-year college or university in the United States or Canada
- Applicants must have completed all premedical requirements: two semesters each of Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Physics, all with lab. Students may substitute one semester of Biochemistry for a second semester of Organic Chemistry. We strongly recommend that applicants have also completed courses in Biochemistry, Sociology and Psychology

## Admissions Requirements - Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

- MCAT or GRE scores preferred but applications without a test score will be considered
- Submit three letters of recommendation and a personal statement. Applicants who have previously applied to medical school may use the same documents to apply to this program
- All applications are considered holistically
- To apply to the program, please visit bu.edu/gms

#### **Financial Aid and Student Resources**

For the most up to date information on tuition and fees, please visit <a href="www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/students/financing-options">www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/students/financing-options</a>.

The Financial Aid Office in Graduate Medical Sciences can help students identify sources of financial aid support - including federal and private loans. A small number of merit-based partial schol-arships are available for well-qualified applicants.

The BU Office of Housing Resources provides information regarding housing, transportation, and Boston neighborhoods. For more details, visit <a href="https://www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr">www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr</a>.

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