



## Program Planning Enclosure

Current and past Program Planning Guides are available on the UofL website at [www.uleth.ca/ross/ppgs/ppg.html](http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ppgs/ppg.html)

Calendar Year: 2015/2016

Faculty: Arts & Science (U of L)

Students with an academic objective of Medicine (Calgary) are generally admitted to a B.Sc. program at the University of Lethbridge with a major of the student's choice. Majors in Agricultural Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, and Neuroscience are strongly recommended. Admission to the Faculty of Medicine is not restricted to students who have completed a B.Sc., but registration access to recommended courses is driven by choice of major.

Most successful applicants to the University of Calgary program will have completed a baccalaureate degree before admission. However, to be considered for admission, prospective applicants must have completed a minimum of two full years of university courses at the time of application.

No degree is preferred and no specific courses are required for application or acceptance to the MD program at the University of Calgary. The admissions committee recommends that applicants consider taking as many of the courses listed below as their schedules allow, as the content of these courses will be helpful when writing the MCAT and during the MD program. Whether or not an applicant has taken these courses at the time of application will not be taken into consideration in scoring the academic record.

### Suggested courses:

- Biology
- Organic and Inorganic Chemistry
- Physics
- English
- Biochemistry
- Physiology
- Statistics or Calculus
- Psychology, Sociology, or Anthropology

Completion of the recommended courses does not guarantee admission.

For assistance in selecting courses and planning their timetables, students should consult Arts and Science Student Program Services (SU060; tel. 403-329-5106).

**Note to International Students:** *Only Canadian citizens and Landed Immigrants will be considered for admission to the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary.*

**Application Information for the Faculty of Medicine:**

Admission criteria are reviewed following each admission cycle. Applicants should refer to the Applicant Manual on the Office of Admissions website ([www.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/admissions](http://www.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/admissions)) after June 15 each year for current information.

Admission is based on the following criteria:

1. Grade Point Average (the Applicant Manual contains details about the GPA calculations and minimums):
  - Non-Albertans should refer to the information brochure on the UofC website for the policy relating to out-of-province applicants.

Official transcripts (indicating previous grades and current registration) must be sent directly from the issuing institution to the Faculty of Medicine, and must be received by October 1. Final transcripts must be received by no later than June 29.
2. Medical College Admission Test (MCAT): Applicants must write the MCAT by August of the year prior to that for which admission is sought. Scores must be released to the University of Calgary.
3. Letters of Reference: Three letters of reference must be submitted electronically. For details, see the Faculty of Medicine website.
4. Details about employment history, volunteering, and extracurricular activities. The references and experiences are used to assess evidence of the following attributes: communication skills; excellent interpersonal skills and collaboration; high ethical standards and professionalism; commitment to communities and advocacy on behalf of others; intellectual curiosity, scholarship, and research; organizational/management skills and leadership.
5. Personal Interview: Approximately 540 of 1700 applicants receive invitations for an interview. About half of the candidates interviewed will be offered admission to the program.
 

Candidates attend the interview (at their own expense) held at the University of Calgary in February or March. The interview (conducted in Multiple Mini Interview format) is instrumental in the assessment of non-academic qualifications. The Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) consists of twelve stations. For information on the MMI, please refer to the UofC Faculty of Medicine website.

**Application Procedure:**

For details, see the Office of Admissions website ([www.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/admissions](http://www.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/admissions)).

All transcripts, reference letters, MCAT scores, application fees, and the application itself must be received by October 1 of the year prior to that for which admission is sought.

**Contact Information:**

Students who are interested in Medicine at the University of Calgary are urged to consult with Student Program Services (SU060; tel. 403-329-5106; email: [artsci.advising@uleth.ca](mailto:artsci.advising@uleth.ca)). Direct consultation with the University of Calgary is recommended.

Students should consult the Faculty of Medicine if concerned about:

- the pros and cons of repeating a course;
- how 'D' grades are treated in the admission GPA; and,
- how Cr/NC and P/F courses are treated.

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